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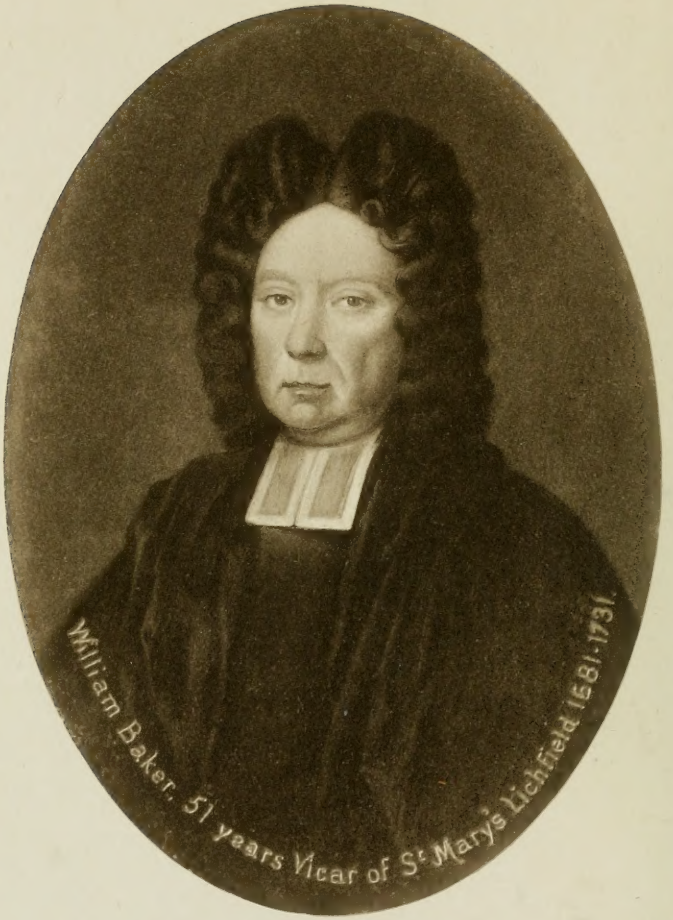
William Baker. 51 years Vicar of St Mary's Lichfield 1681-1731.

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PART IV

THE DOCTOR'S BOYHOOD

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PREFACE

THIS volume of the *Gleanings* is rather solid fare, but it contains a mass of information on which I have already drawn to illustrate the narrative of Johnson's boyhood, in Part III., and on which I shall constantly have cause to draw again as the story of his life is further developed. And, even taking it by itself, those whose appetites have the necessary keenness can find many bits of flesh among the dry bones.

The pedigrees serve the double purpose of identifying and relating a large number of people in the Johnsonian circle, and of providing a record for the families concerned of their place in that circle. They are to assist the student, and to satisfy intelligent family pride.

My thanks are due once again to Alderman William A. Wood, of Lichfield, Chairman of the Johnson Birthplace Committee, for the heroic way in which he grappled with the task of abstracting the voluminous title deeds of the Birthplace, which are full of interest when properly studied ; and for helping me in many ways with local enquiries. To Mr. A. W. Read, of Leicester, I stand greatly indebted for the enormous labour he has put into the work of tracing the descendants of Andrew Johnson, among whom were divided, under the Doctor's will, the proceeds of the sale of the Birthplace in 1785. The late Sir George Howard Darwin did me a great service by his loan of all the papers relating to his Lichfield ancestry. The Rev. F. A. Homer has again done excellent work for me among wills and registers in his own Midland neighbourhood ; and his collection of Staffordshire deeds has been of signal service in helping to elucidate family history. And, finally, I must thank various descendants of families dealt with in these appendices for kindly assisting me with information.

It is my intention for the future to let each part carry its own appendices, which it was not possible to do in the case of

the "Boyhood" volume. Part V. will take up the story of Johnson's life from the day of his entering the University of Oxford, and the difficulties which confront us after that date are, I confess, enough to unnerve the most determined investigator.

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THE DOCTOR'S BOYHOOD: APPENDICES

THE REV. WILLIAM BAKER, THE SUBJECT OF THE FRONTISPIECE

THIS portrait of the Rev. William Baker [1649?–1732], M.A., Vicar of St. Mary's, Lichfield, from 1681 until his death in 1732, a period of 51 years, is reproduced from the original miniature on copper in the possession of his descendant, the Rev. Leonard Jauncey White-Thomson, Archdeacon of Canterbury, by his kind permission.

For particulars of Baker I must refer readers to Part III., pp. 52–3, where his educational qualifications and his various preferments are detailed. His principal interest for us lies in the fact that in all probability he baptized Samuel Johnson, in 1709, and he certainly had ample opportunity of moulding the boy's theological opinions, for the Johnsons had a pew at St. Mary's and were regular churchgoers. In spite of periods when disinclination for religious observance encouraged him to play in the fields on Sundays, the youthful Samuel must have sat many hundreds of times under this rather formidable-looking cleric, and have gazed long hours at features which here seem to have found faithful portraiture.

The will of William Baker, of Lichfield Close, clerk, dated 28 Mch. 1730, was proved 31 Jan. 1732/3, in P.C.C. (Price 5), by Anne Baker, spinster, his daughter and sole executrix. It mentions only her, and his other daughter, Catherine Remington.

APPENDIX A

THE DEEDS OF DR. JOHNSON'S BIRTHPLACE

(With an Account of Andrew Johnson's Descendants)

(See *ante*, III., 48, 49, 149)

My thanks are due to the Johnson Birthplace Committee for allowing the deeds of the property to be abstracted and printed. To Alderman Wood, the enthusiastic chairman of the Committee, who, with the aid of his friend Captain P. Davies, performed the formidable task of abstracting them, I am once again placed under a deep debt of obligation. The deeds have considerable interest and value, as I shall endeavour to show.

The earliest of the documents is a copy of the will of Mrs. Barton of Coventry, dated 1689, from whose son Michael Johnson acquired the property in 1707:—

Memorandum that this Third day of June in the yeare of our Lord One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and Nine I Sarah Barton of the Citty of Coventry Widow beinge weake of Body but of sound mind and perfect memory doe make and Ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following First I doe give unto my brother Samuell Barton Twenty shillings yearly to be paid him during his naturall life on the First day of January yearely Item I doe give devise and bequeath unto my son Nathaniel Barton of the Citty of London Silkman and to his Heires and Assignes for ever All that my Messuage or Tenement in Litchfield in the County of Stafford with their and every of their appurtenances Item I give unto the said Nathaniell Barton my son and to his wife the sum of Five Pounds a peece Item I give and bequeath unto the children of my son in law Samuell Smith of the said Citty of Coventry Mercer that shall be liveing at the time of my decease the sum of fifty pounds to be paid to the said Samuell Smith their father for their use within Six Moneths after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my son in law Stephen Smith of the said Citty Silkeman to and for the use of Rebecca and Sarah his daughters the sum of fifty poundes to be paid to the said Stephen Smith their father within six Moneths after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my son in law John Bromley of Chesterfeild to and for the use of his daughter Sarah Bromley the sum of One Hundred pounds to be paid within six Moneths after my decease But my will is that if he hath received the Fifty pounds I lately Ordered him that is to be in part of the said Hundred pounds And my will further is that the said

Samuell Smith Stephen Smith and John Bromley my Sons in Law shall each of them give Bond at the Receipt of the said legacies given to their Children to my Executor for the payment thereof as they shall come to age. Item I give all my Household goods at Caldwell to my Three daughters and my Executor equally to be divided amongst them Item I give Three pounds to be given to the Poore All the rest residue and remainder of my goods and Chattels rights Creditts and other Estate whatsoever my debts and legacies being satisfied and Funerall Expenses discharged I doe give and bequeath unto my son Elijah Barton of the Citty of London gent. whom I make and ordaine full and sole Executor of this my last will and Testament In witnesse whereof I the said Sarah Barton have hereunto set my hand and seale the day and yeare above written. SARAH BARTON. Signed sealed and delivered by the within named Sarah Barton and published and declared to be her last will and Testament in the presence of us who have attested the same by subscribeing hereunto in her presence And these words (I doe give unto my Brother Samuell Barton Twenty shillings yearely to be paid him during his naturall life on the First day of January yearely Item) of Coventry) and my Executor) was first interlined. THO. BAYLY, DEBORA HALL *her marke*, S. GILBERT, JONATHAN GRUNDY.

The will was proved 26 Sept. 1689, in P.C.C. (Ent 120), by Elijah Barton, the son and executor. Attached to the copy in question is a slip inscribed, "Nathaniel Barton silkman of Stepney Parish," and another slip bearing the following questions and answers, all in the same handwriting :—

? the purchase deeds to Thropp in 1624.
? the other deeds. *There are none extant as Mr. Barton says.*
Who Sarah Doughtie is. *Mr. Barton's mother.*
Whether she had any children and who. *Yes, Mr. Barton and others.*
Whether Hanna Doughtie is living and who is her heir. *She is dead.*
Out of what Samuell Barton's 20/s per annum is issuing and whether he [is] living. *He is dead. Was out of her lands for Mrs. Sarah Barton had a considerable estate.*

From these we gather that the property had been purchased by one Thropp, in 1624—perhaps William Thropp who was Sheriff of Lichfield in 1606, Junior Bailiff in 1610, and Senior Bailiff in 1615, 1621, and 1629 (Harwood's *Lichfield*, pp. 424–5) ; and that Mrs. Barton's maiden name was Sarah Doughtie.

The next document is the settlement, dated 11 June 1706, made eight days previous to the marriage of Michael Johnson and Sarah Ford. This I have printed in full in *The Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 171–2. The next again is the bond to

perform the covenants of the marriage settlement, abstracted as follows :—

Bond to perform covenants, dated 11 June 1706. Given by Michaell Johnson, of the city of Lichfield, bookseller, to Cornelius Ford, of Packwood, co. Warwick, gent., to perform the conditions of certain articles indented bearing even date with these presents, made or to be made between the said Michaell Johnson of the first part, Cornelius Ford of the second part, Richard Pyott, esq., and Joseph Ford of the third part, and Sarah Ford of the fourth part. Signed and sealed by Michaell Johnson, in presence of Jno. Harrison and Sam. Ford.

Then follows the actual conveyance of the property, by lease and re-lease, to Michael Johnson, by Nathaniel Barton :—

Lease for a year of a house in Lichfield from Mr. Barton to Mr. Johnson, dated March 27, 1707.

[*The parties as in the re-lease that follows*] . . . the consideration being the sum of 5s/- paid to the said Nathaniel Barton by the said Michaell Johnson . . . granted from the day next before the day of the date of these presents for the term of one whole year from thence next ensuing . . . yielding and paying therefor the rent of one peppercorn only on the feast of Saint Michaell the Archangell next ensuing.

Sealed and delivered by Nathaniell Barton, in the presence of Nathaniell Barton, junr., Willm. Cliffe, and Thomas Bayly.

Release from Mr. Barton to Mr. Johnson of a house in Lichfield, dated March 28, 1707.

Indenture between Nathaniell Barton, citizen and silkman of London, of the one part, and Michaell Johnson, of the city and county of the city of Lichfield, stationer, of the other part, witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of £80 paid by the said Michaell Johnson to the said Nathaniell Barton before the delivery of these presents, he doth grant, sell, release and confirm unto the said Michaell Johnson the messuage, house or tenement hereinafter mentioned, being the house situate within the said city of Lichfield, in Sadlers Street *alias* Markett Street, formerly in the tenure or occupation of the said Michaell Johnson and now or late in the tenure or occupation of Edward Howcaut, situate in the corner over against the markett crosse in the said city, adjoining on the one side to a house or tenement of one Mr. Samuel Mousely, gent., now in the possession of George Lowe, in the said street called Sadlers *alias* Markett Street, and on the other side to a house or tenement now in the possession of Nicholas Arnold, gent., in Bread Street in the said city, to have and to hold the said messuage, house or tenement during the space of seven years next ensuing the date of these presents.

Sealed and delivered by Nathaniell Barton, in the presence of Nathll. Barton, junr., Wm. Cliffe, Thomas Bayly.

[*endorsement on release*] Received the day and year within written of the within named Michaell Johnson the sum of £80 being the consideration money mentioned in the within written Indenture. I say received by mee, NATHANIELL BARTON. Wits., Nathaniell Barton, jun., Wm. Cliffe and Thomas Bayly.

Bond to perform covenants, dated March 28, 1707.

Between Nathaniel Barton, sen., citizen and silkman of London, and Nathaniel Barton, jun., son and heir apparent of the said Nathaniel Barton, and Michaell Johnson, of the city and county of Lichfield, bookseller, to perform the conditions in an indenture bearing even date with these presents, made or to be made between the said Nathaniell Barton, the elder, of the one part, and Michaell Johnson of the other part.

Signed and sealed by Nathaniell Barton and Nathaniel Barton, in the presence of Wm. Cliffe and Thomas Bayly.

As I have explained (*ante*, III., 48–9), Michael Johnson, under his marriage settlement, had undertaken to pay in £100 to the trustees within nine months, but it was not until nineteen years later that he satisfied this requirement by conveying to them his house in the Market Square, then valued at £200, he receiving on the balance £100 for his own use. The next deed in sequence explains the transaction in full—it is endorsed, "Mr. Johnson's settlement":—

Indenture dated Sept. 16, 1725, between Michael Johnson, of the city of Lichfield, bookseller, and Sarah his wife, of the one part, and the Rev. Cornelius Ford of the par. of Pedmore, co. Worc., clerk, and John Harrison, of Birmingham, co. Warwick, sadler, of the other part, Whereas in and by certain articles of agreement indented quadripartite bearing date 11 June 1706, 5 Queen Anne, and made between said Michael Johnson of the first part, Cornelius Ford, of Packwood, co. Warwick, gent., since decd., of the second part, Richard Pyott, of Streethay, co. Staff., esq., and Joseph Ford, then of Stourbridge, co. Worc., gent., since decd., of the third part, and Sarah Ford, spinster, dau. of the said Cornelius Ford, of the fourth part, concerning a marriage then shortly to be had and soon after solemnized between said Michael Johnson and said Sarah his said wife, he the said Cornelius Ford did amongst other covenants and agreements therein mentioned covenant and agree to and with said Michael Johnson that he the said Cornelius Ford would as an addition to the portion of said Sarah, within nine months next after solemnization of the then intended marriage, pay unto said Richard Pyott and Joseph Ford, to be applied for uses in said articles mentioned, the further sum of £200, and said Michael Johnson did by said articles (*inter alia*) covenant and agree that he would within nine months next after said marriage from and out of the other moneys, goods and estate of said Sarah pay to them the said Richard Pyott and Joseph Ford, for the uses in said

articles appointed, the further sum of £100, which said sums were by said articles agreed to be put out at interest till a convenient purchase of lands, tenements or hereditaments could be found for laying out the same, and when laid out the lands, etc., so purchased were to be conveyed to said Richard Pyott and Joseph Ford and their heirs as trustees to use of said Michael Johnson for life, without impeachment of waste, then to use of said Sarah for her life, and after decease of said Michael and Sarah then to use of the heirs of their two bodies lawfully to be begotten, and for default of such issue to right heirs of said Sarah for ever . . . and whereas said Cornelius Ford paid into the hands of said Joseph Ford the said sum of £200, according to his said agreement, for that purpose, the said Richard Pyott not acting in said trust, which sum not having yet been laid out in purchase of lands, etc., now remains in hands of said Cornelius Ford, party to these presents, son and heir and sole executor of last will and testament of said Joseph Ford, they the said Joseph Ford and Cornelius Ford having hitherto paid interest for same to said Michael Johnson, nor has said Michael Johnson yet paid said sum of £100 to said Richard Pyott and Joseph Ford . . . but said Michael Johnson being seized in fee simple of and in a messuage, dwelling house or tenement, with the appurtenances, situate in said city of Lichfield and hereinafter particularly mentioned and described, of the full value of £200, offers upon his receipt of £100, part of said sum of £200, to his own use, from said Cornelius Ford, and to make good his covenant in respect to said sum of £100, which he is by said marriage articles obliged to pay as aforesaid, and that said marriage agreement may be in part performed, to settle, convey and assure to said Cornelius Ford and John Harrison and their heirs as trustees to and for the uses in said marriage articles appointed, all the said messuage, etc., with which offer all parties are fully satisfied and content, Now this indenture witnesseth that said Michael Johnson for and in performance of said covenant and agreement in said marriage articles for payment of said sum of £100 to be laid out for the benefit of said Sarah his wife, also in consideration of the whole and full sum of £100 to him in hand paid by said Cornelius Ford at the time of execution of these presents, being part of the sum of £200 formerly paid into hands of said Joseph Ford, his father, by Cornelius Ford, father of said Sarah Johnson, as an addition to her fortune, the receipt whereof the said Michael Johnson doth hereby acknowledge, and thereof and of every part thereof doth for himself, his heirs, exors., and admors., acquit, exonerate, release and discharge the said Cornelius Ford, party to these presents, his heirs, etc., for ever, by these presents, and that the said marriage articles and agreements with respect to the laying out the sum of £300, as therein is mentioned, may in part be performed, and for other good causes him thereunto moving, he the said Michael Johnson hath granted, enfeoffed, released and confirmed and by these presents doth grant, etc., unto said Cornelius Ford and John Harrison in the actual possession and seizin now being by virtue of one indenture of bargain and sale to them thereof made for six months by said Michael Johnson, bearing date and duly executed the day next before the day of the date of these presents, and of the statutes made for transferring of uses into possession, and to their heirs and assigns for ever,

All that messuage, etc., situate in said city of Lichfield, in the county of same city, in a certain street there called Sadlers Street *alias* Markett Street, heretofore in the tenure or occupation of Edward Howcaut, and wherein he said Michael Johnson doth now dwell, situate in the corner over against the markett cross in the said city, adjoining on the one side to a messuage or tenement of Samuel Mousely, gent., wherein one [*blank*] doth now dwell in said street called Sadlers *alias* Markett Street, and on the other side to a messuage wherein one John Webster doth now dwell in a certaine street called Bread Street in said city . . . all which said messuage was heretofore bought and purchased by said Michael Johnson of and from one Nathaniel Barton, citizen and silkman of London . . . to have and to hold the aforementioned to be granted messuage, etc., unto said Cornelius Ford and John Harrison, their heirs and assigns for ever, to the several uses, intents, etc., hereinafter mentioned, limited and declared touching and concerning the same, that is to say, to the use and behoof of said Michael Johnson and his assigns for and during the term of his natural life, without impeachment of or for any manner of waste, and from and after his decease then to the use and behoof of said Sarah his wife and her assigns, etc., and from and after their several deceases and the decease of the survivor of them then to the use of the heirs of the bodies of them said Michael and Sarah lawfully begotten or to be begotten between them, and for want of such issue to the right heirs of the said Sarah for ever, and said Michael doth hereby grant for himself and his heirs that they all the said granted premises to said Cornelius Ford and John Harrison and their heirs to the uses aforementioned against him said Michael Johnson and his heirs and assigns, and against all and every other person or persons whatsoever claiming or to claim by from or under him or them, shall and will warrant and for ever defend by these presents, and said Michael Johnson doth for himself, his heirs, exors., and admors., covenant, promise, grant and agree to and with the said Cornelius Ford and John Harrison, their heirs and assigns, on these presents in manner following, that is to say, that he the said Michael Johnson now standeth and is seized of all the said hereinbefore mentioned to be granted premises of a good, sure, perfect and absolute estate of inheritance in fee simple, and now hath in himself good right, full power and lawful authority to grant and convey same to uses aforesaid, according to true intent and meaning of these presents, and that said granted premises shall from time to time remain, continue and be to the uses aforesaid, free and clear, and freely, clearly and absolutely acquitted, exonerated, released and discharged of and from all former and other estates, titles, charges, troubles and encumbrances whatsoever, and that he said Michael Johnson and his heirs, and all and every other person and persons having or lawfully or equitably claiming to have any estate, right, title or interest of in or to said premises or any part thereof by from or under him or them, shall and will at all times at the request of said Cornelius Ford and John Harrison, their heirs or assigns, but at the proper costs and charges in the law of said Michael Johnson, his heirs or assigns, do and make or cause or procure to be made and done such further assurance and assurances of said granted premises to uses aforesaid, as by said Cornelius Ford

and John Harrison, or the survivor of them, their heirs or assigns, shall be reasonably devised, advised or required.

Sealed and delivered by Mich. Johnson and Corn. Ford, in presence of William Burton and Sam. Steward.

This deed it was which first told me that Cornelius Ford had taken orders before his young cousin Samuel Johnson went to visit him at Pedmore. Since then the publication of the first volume of Venn's monumental *Alumni Cantabrigienses* has revealed that he was ordained deacon on 1 Jan. 1724/5, at Peterborough, seven months after his marriage to the elderly Judith Crowley, and priest on 1 Jan. 1726/7, nine days before his presentation by Lord Chesterfield to the Rectory of South Luffenham. The deed also has a special interest because, as I have already explained, it was no doubt through Michael Johnson and Cornelius Ford being thus brought into conjunction that Samuel's visit to Pedmore, "in the autumn of the year 1725," came about, as well as his subsequent schooling at Stourbridge (see *ante*, III., 149).

The next document in order of date, a mortgage deed, brings Johnson and his mother into relations with the well-known Lichfield family of Levett, of which I print an account later in this volume (pp. 182-92) :—

Indenture of mortgage of a house situate in Sadler's Street otherwise Market Street in the city of Lichfield.

31 Jan. 1739.—By indenture of mortgage of this date made between Sarah Johnson, of city of Lichfield in county of said city, widow and relict of Michael Johnson, late of the same place, bookseller, decd., and Samuel Johnson, son and heir of said Michael Johnson by said Sarah his wife, of the one part, and Theophilus Levett, of said city of Lichfield, gent., of the other part, it was witnessed that in consideration of sum of £80 paid to said Sarah Johnson and Samuel Johnson, or one of them, by said Theophilus Levett, on, etc., the receipt acknowledged, etc., the said Sarah Johnson and Samuel Johnson did grant and demise unto said Theophilus Levett, his exors., admors. and assigns, All that messuage, dwelling house or tenement, with the appurtenances thereto, situate, standing and being in said city of Lichfield in a certain street called Sadler's Street otherwise Market Street, theretofore in tenure or occupation of Edward Howcott, and wherein said Sarah Johnson did then dwell, situate in the corner of the said street, over against the market cross, and adjoining on the one side to a messuage or tenement late of Samuell Mousley, gent., decd., wherein one William Moore did then dwell, in the street called Sadler's otherwise Market Street, and on the other side to a messuage or tenement wherein one John Webster did then dwell in a certain street called Breadmarket Street, and

also the site, soil or plot of ground whereupon said messuage or dwelling house did then stand, which said messuage or dwelling house and premises were theretofore bought and purchased by said Michael Johnson of and from one Nathaniel Barton, citizen and silkman of London, together with the appurtenances, and reversion, etc., and all the estate, etc., etc., to hold the same to said Theophilus Levett, his exors., admors., and assigns, from the day of the date thereof for and during and unto the full end and term of 500 years from thenceforth next ensuing fully to be completed and ended. Covenants by said Sarah Johnson and Samuel Johnson that they were lawfully seized; for good right to grant; free from incumbrances. Proviso for making void indenture on payment of said sum of £80 and interest at 4½ per cent. Covenants, for payment of principal and interest; for quiet enjoyment after default; for further assurance; for recording fine in the Westminster Courts, etc.

Executed by said Sarah Johnson and Samuel Johnson, and attested by Catherine Chambers and Walt. Robinson.

Receipt for said sum of £80 duly endorsed, signed by Sarah Johnson and Samuel Johnson. Wits., Catherine Chambers and Walt. Robinson.

27 June 1757.—Acknowledgment endorsed and signed by John Levett that he had received of and from said Samuel Johnson (by the hands of Mrs. Lucy Porter) the sum of £98 in full of all principal money and interest due upon the therein within written mortgage, he having allowed to the said Mr. Johnson the sum of £44 (which was alleged to have been paid in part), and he thereby promised and agreed to assign said mortgage to said Mr. Johnson, or such person or persons as he should direct, for the remainder of the therein within written term, at the cost and charges of said Mr. Johnson.

Signed by said John Levett, and witnessed by (? Jas. Robbins).*

This mortgage deed, which might seem as the driest of dry bones, yet holds its full share of human interest. The twelfth letter in Dr. Birkbeck Hill's *Letters of Samuel Johnson* (Vol. I., pp. 3–6), is one which he singles out for mention in his preface as "the gem of his collection." It is addressed to Johnson's wife, his "dearest Tetty," in terms of quite romantic affection, and displays his deep concern at an injury to a tendon of her leg, which has evidently confined her to her rooms in London. He advises her to get the best medical advice, "for a guinea, which you need not fear to part with on so pressing an occasion, for I can send you twenty pouns more on Monday, which I have received this night." Dr. Birkbeck Hill opines that this letter, dated "Jan. 31st 1739–40," "was probably written during Johnson's

* This mortgage indenture, with its endorsements, was kindly abstracted for me by Mr. W. Brocksom, the Town Clerk of Lichfield.

visit to Staffordshire and Derbyshire recorded in the Life." We now see exactly where, and under what circumstances, it was written—at Lichfield, on the very night on which the mortgage had been effected, the £20 being evidently his share of the £80 advanced by Theophilus Levett on the property.

Several of Johnson's letters to the Levetts have escaped destruction, presumably because of their business character. The earliest is dated 1 Dec. 1743, and is addressed "to Mr. Levett; in Lichfield" (Birkbeck Hill's *Boswell*, I., 160–1). Dr. Birkbeck Hill identifies its recipient as "John Levett," but clearly he was Theophilus, the father, of whose existence Dr. Birkbeck Hill was unaware. This is made clear by Johnson's second letter "to Mr. Levett in Lichfield" (*Letters of Samuel Johnson*, I., 14–15), dated 3 Jan. 1743/4, in which he acknowledges "a long series of kindness to my Father and myself." The first letter concerns the mortgage. Interest on it to the amount of £12 was overdue, and Johnson promises to remit it in two months and asks that for the future the interest be considered his own and not his mother's debt.

Dr. Birkbeck Hill prints two more letters, undated, which he thinks were probably written to John Levett, as they refer to interest due (*ibid.*, I., 15–16) and to Johnson's difficulty in raising money. In this case the recipient really would be John Levett, the son, for one letter says that "Mr. Aston has a receipt for interest which I got him to pay to your Father." And as Theophilus Levett did not die till May 1746, it is reasonable to place the letter after that date, and not, with Dr. Birkbeck Hill, in 1744. Indeed I place it immediately before Johnson's letter to Levett of 7 Mch. 1752, in which he says that, if Levett has no evidence of the money paid by Mr. Aston, he knows not how to ascertain it except by his memory that it was twelve pounds (*ibid.*, I., 28–9). In this letter, the last known one to Levett, he speaks of having sold a property in order to satisfy Levett, "and in consequence of that sale can now give you a Draught of one hundred pounds upon a Bookseller of credit payable on the first of May and realizable in the meantime."* Yet, as we have seen, the mortgage

* On 12 July 1749 Johnson had written to Lucy Porter commending her prudence "with regard to Levett's affair, which will, I think, not at all embarrass me, for you may promise him, that the mortgage shall be taken up at Michaelmas, or, at least, some

was not paid off till five years later, on 27 June 1757, eighteen months before his mother's death. Johnson's letters show a deep appreciation of the Levetts' forbearance in this affair, though we learn from a letter of Lucy Porter's that on one occasion at least old Mrs. Johnson was in immediate danger of ejectment (*ibid.*, I., 19). Lucy's letter is dated "June 7," so very likely the year was 1757, and it was only this final threat of ejectment that moved Johnson—honest but slothful—to the effort of raising sufficient money to discharge the mortgage.

The next document among the title deeds is the historic lease of encroachment granted by the Corporation, on very easy terms, to their now distinguished fellow-citizen :—

The Bailiffs & Citizens of Lichfield to Dr. Johnson—lease
from Lady day 1767
for years 99

1866

This indenture made the 28th day of August one thousand seven hundred & sixty seven, between Samuel Clements and Thomas Storer, gentlemen, bailiffs, and their brethren citizens of the city of Lichfield, of the one part, and Samuel Johnson, of the same city,* Doctor of Laws, of the other part, witnesseth that the said bailiffs and citizens, for and in consideration of the rent and covenants hereinafter reserved, mentioned and contained, and on the part of the said Samuel Johnson, his exors., admors., and assigns, to be paid, done and performed, have with one assent, consent, and agreement, for themselves and their successors, granted, demised, set and to farm let and by these presents do grant, demise, set and to farm let unto said Samuel Johnson, his exors., etc., all those parts and parcels of their land, soil or waste ground whereupon Michael Johnson, decd., late father of said Samuel Johnson, did heretofore encroach and build part of the dwelling house late of said Michael Johnson, and now of said Samuel Johnson, in Sadler Street otherwise Market Street, in said city of Lichfield, on south side of said street, which encroachment containeth in length from the house of the Vicars Choral of the Cathedral Church of Lichfield, late in possession of Mr. Samuel Mousley or his under tenants and now of said bailiffs and citizens of

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time between that and Christmas ; and if he requires to have it done sooner, I will endeavour it. I make no doubt, by that time, of either doing it myself, or persuading some of my friends to do it for me" (*Letters of Samuel Johnson*, ed. Birkbeck Hill, I, 19).

* Johnson seems to have spent the whole of the summer of 1767 at Lichfield, in Lucy Porter's recently completed house, and he did not return to London till near the end of October, after almost six months' absence (Birkbeck Hill's *Boswell*, II, 30, 43 ; *Letters of Samuel Johnson*, I, 128-31 ; *Johnsonian Miscellanies*, I, 43-6).

Lichfield or their under tenants, westward* unto the corner of said house of said Samuel Johnson, which house now is or late was in occupation of Mrs. Lucy Porter, one and twenty feet and nine inches, and in depth or backwards from the street towards the said Samuel Johnson's own land at the west end thereof two feet and eleven inches and in depth or backwards at the said corner of said house four feet or thereabouts, be the same more or less, and all that part or parcel of their land and soil or waste ground whereupon the said Michael Johnson did likewise encroach and build other parts of his said house in Womens Cheaping *alias* Breadmarket Street† in said city, on east side of said house towards the Market Cross, containing in length from said corner of said house unto another house of said Vicars Choral late in possession of Walter Broadhurst,‡ watchmaker, but now of Thomas Moor, brazier, twenty six feet and eleven inches, and in depth or backwards at the corner end four feet and six inches, and at the other end next said Thomas Moor's seven inches or thereabouts, be the same more or less, and all walls and buildings erected and built upon the said several encroachments, together with full liberty to continue and support or replace from time to time the several peers or pillars erected and now standing under the overjetted building belonging to said house of said Samuel Johnson for the better support thereof, being the same encroachments and premises which were demised to said Michael Johnson for term of forty years by a certain indenture of lease bearing date 24 June 1708, to have and to hold the said several parcels of land, soil or waste ground so encroached and built upon, and the walls libertys and other the premises hereby demised with the appurtenances, unto said Samuel Johnson, his exors., admors., and assigns, from 25 Mch. now last past for and during and unto the full end and term of 99 years from thence next ensuing and fully to be complete and ended, yielding and paying therefor yearly and every year during said term of 99 years unto said bailiffs and citizens, their successors and assigns, the yearly rent or sum of two shillings and sixpence of lawful money of Great Britain upon 25 Mch. in every year, the first payment to be made upon 25 Mch. next ensuing the date hereof, provided always that if it hereafter happen that said yearly rent of two shillings and sixpence or any part thereof shall be in arrear or unpaid by the space of thirty days in any year of the said term next after the day on which the same is reserved and ought to be paid as aforesaid being lawfully demanded, then and from thenceforth it shall and may be lawful for said bailiffs and citizens, their successors and assigns, into and upon the said demised premises to re-enter and the same to have again, repossess and enjoy as in their former estate, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding, and the said Samuel Johnson doth hereby for himself, his exors., admors., and assigns, covenant promise and agree to and with said

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* Clearly "westward" in deed, equally clearly an error for "eastward." See plan, *post*, p. 15.

† "Bread-market-street, anciently called Woman's Cheppynge or Wolochepynge" (Harwood's *Lichfield*, p. 478).

‡ See *ante*, III., 136.

bailiffs and citizens, their successors and assigns, that he the said Samuel Johnson, his exors., admors., and assigns shall and will yearly and every year, during the said term of 99 years hereby granted, well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto said bailiffs and citizens, their successors and assigns, the said yearly rent of two shillings and sixpence upon the day hereinbefore appointed for payment thereof, without any deduction whatsoever, and that at the end or determination of said term he the said Samuel Johnson, his exors., admors., and assigns, shall and will peaceably and quietly yield and deliver up said demised premises with appurtenances unto said bailiffs and citizens, their successors and assigns, In witness whereof to the one part of these present indentures, remaining and to remain with said Samuel Johnson, said bailiffs and citizens have put their common seal, and to the other part, remaining and to remain with said bailiffs and citizens, the said Samuel Johnson hath set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed by Sam. Clements, Senr. Bailiff, and Tho. Storer, Jun. Bailiff. Sealed and delivered upon parchment duly stamped in presence of Wm. Gilbert.

This lease of encroachment is the document of greatest value as bearing upon the history of Johnson's Birthplace. As I have already stated briefly (*ante*, III., 48), the common idea that the celebrated house in the Market Square dates from the seventeenth century (as its architecture might suggest) seems quite a false one.* It was evidently built by Michael himself, in 1707–8, a year or two after his marriage to Sarah Ford, and less than two years before Samuel Johnson's birth.

Demonstration of this is not difficult, and could have been given long ago if any one had troubled to study the nature of the encroachment as defined in the foregoing lease. But everyone has been content with the following brief extract from the Corporation records, as printed by Harwood in his *Lichfield*, p. 397 :—

1708. July 13.—Agreed, that Mr. Michael Johnson, bookseller, have a lease of his encroachment of his house in Sadler-street and Women's-Cheaping, for 40 years, at 2s. 6d. per annum.

Even this, carefully considered, might have caused some doubt as to the popular belief. For what could the encroachment be ? Probably those who have considered it at all have looked at the building, and, seeing the "overjetted" portion facing the Market Square (or Bread-

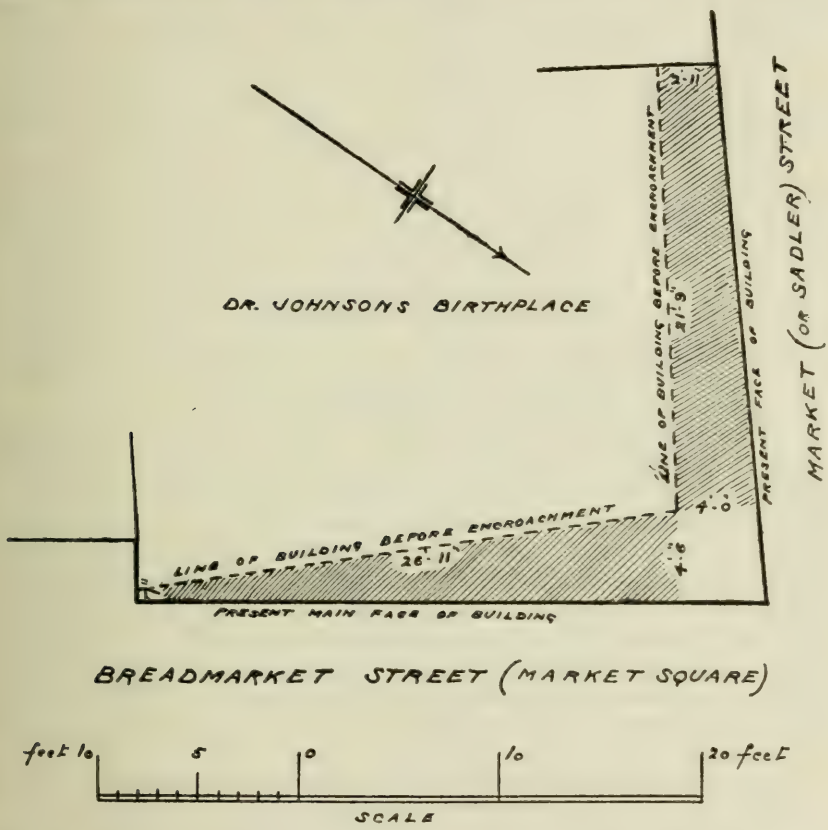
* The official "Guide to the Birthplace," 1915, p. 7, says that the house "probably dates from about the middle of the seventeenth century. His father, Michael Johnson, purchased it, he did not (as occasionally recorded) build it."

market Street), which overhangs the footwalk and is supported on three pillars, have loosely concluded that this was an addition and constituted the encroachment, without stopping to think that had an existing house been built forward in this way, not only would it have involved an entirely fresh front, and an entirely new roof for the whole house, but also many structural difficulties in connexion with supporting and extending the floors and ceilings.

When we come to study the definition of the encroachment, in the lease, the arguments in favour of Michael Johnson having built an entirely new house, in place of the one he had purchased of Nathaniel Barton, become overwhelming. The original lease of 1708, unfortunately, is not known to exist, but luckily its terms are repeated in the renewal of 1767. Let it be confessed at once that the method of defining the encroachment by merely quoting measurements, which might have answered well enough in the case of a house in a row, fails conspicuously in the case of a corner house such as this. However we interpret the figures, they do not constitute scientific definition without a plan to show how the measurements were taken. At least we may conclude, from the lease itself and from the nature of the case, that the encroachment was measured up to the face of the "overjetted" part of the building, and that "the several peers or pillars" which supported it stood, or partly stood, on the area of encroachment. And as the figures given for the lengths of the encroachments, up to the corner of the house from the properties on either side, are considerably less than what the two fronts measure to-day (which, of course, is what they must approximately have measured when the lease of encroachment was first granted in 1708), we must conclude also that these lengths were measured on the fronts as they were before the encroachments were made, when it was settled on the ground how much Michael Johnson was to be allowed to come forward at each of the ends. Brought to these conclusions, we can now put the measurements into the form of a plan, as on next page.

The strong black lines indicate the main outside faces of the house, as they have certainly existed from 1708 until to-day, including the "overjetted" portion facing the Market Square; while the dotted lines have been fixed by measuring back from the present fronts according to the figures given in the lease to define the *depth* of the

encroachments. On scaling the lengths of these dotted lines we find that they correspond, in the case of the Market Square front exactly and in the case of the Market Street front very closely, with the figures



given in the lease to define the *lengths* of the encroachments, so that we can accept the dotted lines as representing the outside faces of the old house before the encroachments were made.

A glance at the plan will be sufficient to show that the shaded

portions, forming the area of encroachment,* do not represent additions to an existing house. The structural and other difficulties that I have pointed out would be involved in merely building forward the one front would have been enormously increased if two fronts had simultaneously been demolished and built forward. Moreover, if a front had been (to take the Market Square side) brought forward 4′ 6″ at one end and only 7″ at the other, it would have put all the rooms affected completely out of square, whereas they are as nearly rectangular as the slightly irregular site will permit.

If these arguments fail to convince, I may add that the city surveyor of Lichfield, Mr. P. A. Benn, F.S.I., who most kindly surveyed the outside of the house for me, has examined the building critically, and can find no trace at all of it having been "pieced out" or extended; neither the roof timbers nor the floor joists show any signs of having been interfered with since they were originally fixed. The whole plan, too, with the arrangement of the stairs, negatives any idea of such extension. And the general outside appearance of the house, and its proportions, stamp it clearly as a single conception.

We are forced, therefore, to conclude that Michael Johnson, recently married to a wife with a small fortune, and anxious to consolidate his position in the town, purchased the Bartons' house in March 1707; that he demolished it without delay, and then in its place built a larger and finer house. As it abutted at each side against other houses, he could only increase its size by building it forward, and this he did, on both fronts, to the extent indicated by my plan. And when the house was finished, he acquired from the Corporation, in June 1708, a lease of the encroachments he had made in the two streets. So that when, some fifteen months later, the infant Samuel Johnson made his appearance, it was to gaze round upon a house almost "disgustingly new."

It will have been noticed that, when Michael Johnson purchased

* I have already pointed out that the definition of the encroachments in the lease, however we interpret it, is not scientific, or legally watertight. On my interpretation, it leaves undefined as encroachment the quadrilateral space forming the actual corner of the building, as indicated on my plan. And if we interpreted it differently, and took the lengths of the encroachment as having been measured from the corner of the building *after* it had been brought forward, then we should find that the two encroachments, as specified, overlapped to the extent of the same quadrilateral space.

the property in 1707, it was described as having been "formerly in the tenure or occupation of the said Michaell Johnson and now or late in the tenure or occupation of Edward Howcaut" (*ante*, p. 4). So that Michael must have rented the original house from the Bartons, and then vacated it for some reason. At the time of the Lichfield census of 1695 (see *ante*, III., 18), Michael Johnson, with his brother Andrew, was established in Market Street (*ante*, III., 13), perhaps in the Bartons' house. The fact of the house being described in 1707 as in Sadler or Market Street points to that having been then its principal front.

Michael Johnson's successor in the *tenancy* of the house is shown by the census of 1695 to have been then living in Sadler or Market Street, but in what house cannot be deduced. His household is thus enumerated :—"Edwd. Howcott, 50 ; Mary his wife, 44 ; Richd., 20, John, 14, Edwd., 8, sons ; Elizab:, daughter, 5 ; Edwd. Blake, servt., 60, pauper." Concerning Samuel Mousley, who was owner of the house on the Sadler Street side, see *The Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 161–3, 275. He also was living in Sadler Street in 1695 :—"Samuel Mouseley, gent., reputed 38 ; Eliz. his wife, 33 ; Tho., 13, Samuell, 9, Richard, 3, their sons ; Sarah their daughter, 6 ; Amey Dones, servant, 20." Nicholas Arnold, who in 1707 owned the adjoining house on the Breadmarket Street side, does not occur in the 1695 census.

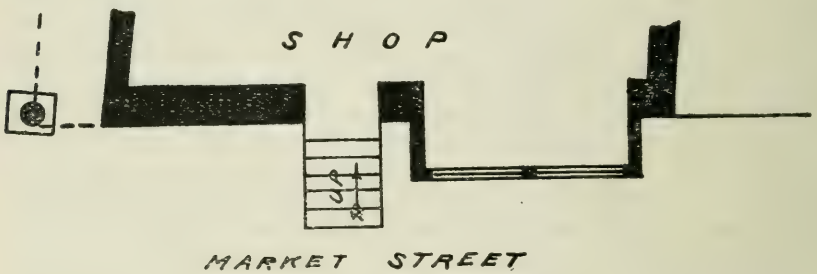
The reference in the lease of encroachment to the "land, soil, *or waste ground*," whereupon Michael Johnson had encroached, seems a little puzzling when we consider that only street fronts were involved. But a legal friend suggests that "waste ground" may have been inserted to cover some unpaved, perhaps grass-grown, portion of the street.

The lease of encroachment granted to Dr. Johnson expired in 1866, and on 25 March in that year it was renewed, for a term of 31 years, at a yearly rental of 2s., to Thomas Clarke, who carried on business as a draper there from 1841 to 1887. The new lease contained this clause :—

And whereas the Corporation desire that such encroachment should remain in its present ancient state in remembrance of Dr. Johnson and have agreed to

renew the lease to the said Thomas Clarke, who is in possession of the said house, at the same rent as has been paid under the former lease, since part of the premises in Market street was taken down and the encroachment there removed.

The encroachment in Market Street, described as having been removed, must have consisted of the square bay window, and the steps adjoining,* shown in the 1785 picture of the Birthplace (John Jackson's *Lichfield*, 1805, p. 56). The bay window was not built up from the ground, but "overjetted" the street at the level of the ground floor and was supported on brackets. It was only the one storey high, and had a flat roof extended to form a hood over the shop entrance, which was approached by the flight of steps already mentioned. On plan these encroachments would have been approximately as shown on the sketch below :—



I cannot see how the figures given to define the Market Street encroachment in the 1708 lease can possibly be made to apply to these minor excrescences on one half only of this front. I am inclined to think that the bay window was added after Michael Johnson's time, and that the reason for building it as a kind of oriel, without any support from the street, was to prevent its being regarded as an encroachment. In the 1785 picture it certainly looks a very ugly excrescence, quite out of character with the house itself : unfortunately there does not seem to be any earlier view to help us. If my surmise

* Mr. Wood tells me that he cannot find anyone in Lichfield who remembers this window and the steps, and he feels sure that they must have been removed before 1860. They do not appear in a view of the Birthplace published by T. G. Lomax, Lichfield 1831.

be correct, the authorities were wrong in concluding, in 1866, that the removal of the steps and bay window constituted removal of the original Market Street encroachment of 1708, which, on the evidence I have adduced, was caused by the main front of the house and not by such excrescences as these. The plan I have given of the original encroachments seems to carry the proof of its own accuracy, as I have already explained ; and this negatives the official assumption in 1866 that the encroachment in Market Street consisted of the bay window and steps that had been removed.

The old views of the house cannot be relied upon for accuracy of detail. For instance, the 1785 view omits altogether the centre one of the three stone columns supporting the "overjetted" portion of the building ; but it would have been quite impracticable to carry the tall front above—constructed of timber framing filled in with brick-work—on a wooden beam with a bearing of all-but thirty feet, especially as the first floor joists do not run in the right direction to cantilever over and assist in the support. The same view shows the roof, which is "hipped" back on the Market Street side, as terminating, not with a ridge, as it does to-day, but with a small flat top. Some of the later views show this flat top, too ; but we cannot build much upon the work of artists who frequently contradict each other. There is one feature, however, in the 1785 view, and in some of the later views, which can hardly be due to the artist's imagination entirely. In the "hipped" end of the roof, facing Market Street, are shown two dormer windows, which must have been removed some time when the roof was re-tiled, for there is no trace of them to be seen now, when the attics, to which they gave light and air, are only fit for lumber rooms.

Mr. E. V. Lucas, in a fit of depression caused by riding in a 'bus with three rural deans and a commercial traveller, dismissed the Birthplace as "a poor little tenement" (*A Swan and Her Friends*, pp. 10, 259). This is to insult the shade of Michael Johnson, and has the one merit of being untrue. It is neither poor nor little, but a decent looking house with considerable accommodation—much more than is required by an ordinary sized family. In the basement was the small kitchen which served as the living room of Michael and his family during the week (*ante*, III., 114), with a good sized scullery, and two other rooms that could be used for storage and fuel. On the ground

floor was the shop, about 22′ 0″ × 12′ 0″, with a small parlour reserved for use on Sundays (*ibid.*, *loc. cit.*), and another kitchen, opening into a small yard. Upstairs, on the first floor, was the large bedroom, co-extensive with the shop below, in which Samuel Johnson was born, and two other decent sized bedrooms with fireplaces. On the second floor were four bedrooms, all with fireplaces, and a small closet. And on the attic floor, which then had the advantage of the dormer windows, were four rooms, one of which at least had a fireplace. There was full accommodation for Michael, his wife, and their two boys on the ground and first floors; while a servant, a shop-man, and an apprentice could be well lodged for those days in the attics. This would leave free the four bedrooms on the second floor for lodgers, like Dr. Swynfen (*ante*, III., 54), or casual visitors. It was, indeed, rather an ambitious house for Michael Johnson to have built at that not over-prosperous period of his chequered business career.

On 9 Dec. 1784, the day after making his will, and only four days before his death, Dr. Johnson added thereto a codicil, much longer than the will itself, which opens thus:—

By way of Codicil to my last Will and Testament, I, Samuel Johnson, give, devise and bequeath my messuage or tenement situate at Lichfield, in the county of Stafford, with the appurtenances, in the tenure or occupation of Mrs. Bond, of Lichfield aforesaid, or of Mr. Hinchman, her under-tenant, to my executors, in trust, to sell and dispose of the same; and the money arising from such sale I give and bequeath as follows, viz., to Thomas and Benjamin, the sons of Fisher Johnson, late of Leicester, and —— Whiting, daughter of Thomas Johnson, late of Coventry, and the grand-daughter of the said Thomas Johnson, one full and equal fourth part each; but in case there shall be more grand-daughters than one of the said Thomas Johnson, living at the time of my decease, I give and bequeath the part or share of that one to and equally between such grand-daughters (Birkbeck Hill's *Boswell*, IV., 402-3).

The property was conveyed, by lease and re-lease, to Major Morgan, the bookseller (see *ante*, III., 168–9). The lease was dated 28 Sept. 1785, and the re-lease, of which the following is a full abstract, 29 Sept. 1785. From it we learn that Major Morgan purchased the house at a public auction, conducted by Mr. Samuel Creswell, at the Swan Inn, Lichfield, on 30 July 1785; and it identifies more closely

the kinsfolk referred to rather vaguely by Dr. Johnson, the endorsements showing the exact sum allocated to each of them :—

> Conveyance from the exors. of the late Dr. Johnson decd. with the concurrence and confirmation of the heir at law and of the legatees interested therein by virtue of that will, and also an assignment from Dr. Johnson's executors to Mr. Major Morgan of a dwelling house in the city of Lichfield.
> Con'son £235 ; dated 29th Sept. 1785.

This indenture of three parts, made 29 Sept. 1785, between Sir Joshua Reynolds, of Leicester Sq., in liberty of Westminster, co. M'sex, Knt., Sir John Hawkins, of par. of St. Margaret, Westminster, Knt., and Wm. Scott, of Doctors' Commons, in city of London, Dr. of Laws, of 1st part, Thomas Johnson, of Nottingham, co. Nott., stationer and printer, and Benjamin Johnson, of boro' of Leicester, co. Leic., woolcomber (which Thomas and Benjamin are only sons of Fisher Johnson, late of Leicester, afsd., decd., and said Thomas Johnson as eldest son of said Fisher Johnson is heir at law of Samuel Johnson, formerly of city of Lichfield and late of city of London, Dr. of Laws, decd.), Wm. Whiting, now of Hinckley, co. Leic., currier, and Ann his wife, Joseph Bill of Hinckley afsd., stocking weaver, and Mary Bill, of city of Coventry, spinster, which Ann the wife of said Wm. Whiting is one of the daus. of Thomas Johnson, late of city of Coventry, currier, decd., and said Joseph Bill and Mary Bill are only children of John Bill, late of Leicester, flax dresser, decd., by Mary his wife, also decd., who was only other dau. of said Thomas Johnson, decd., of 2nd part, and Major Morgan, of city of Lichfield, in co. of same city, bookseller, of 3rd part, Whereas said Samuel Johnson by his last will and testament in writing, bearing date 8 Dec. 1784, appointed said Sir Joshua Reynolds, Sir John Hawkins and Dr. Wm. Scott exors. of that his will, and by a codicil or by a writing purporting to be a codicil to his said will, bearing date 9 Dec. 1784 and duly executed and attested in manner as is required by law for devising real estates, gave, devised and bequeathed his messuage or tenement situate at Lichfield, co. Staff., in tenure of Mrs. Bond, of Lichfield, afsd., or of Mr. Hinckesman her under tenant, to his exors. in trust to sell and dispose of same, and the money arising from such sale he gave and bequeathed as follows, that is to say, to Thomas and Benjamin the sons of Fisher Johnson, late of Leicester, and [*blank*] Whiting, dau. of Thomas Johnson, late of Coventry, and the grand-dau. of said Thomas Johnson, each one full and equal 4th part, but in case there should be more grand-daus. than one of said Thomas Johnson living at time of said testator's decease, he gave and bequeathed that part and share of that one to and equally between such grand-daus., and said testator soon after departed this life without revoking or altering his said will or codicil, and said Sir Joshua Reynolds, Sir John Hawkins and Wm. Scott afterwards duly proved said will with said codicil in prerogative court of Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and took upon themselves execution thereof, And whereas said exors. ordered and directed said messuage to be

offered to public sale and accordingly, after printed advertisements published, said dwelling house was offered at public auction to be sold to highest bidder, by Samuel Creswell, auctioneer, at the Swan Inn, in city of Lichfield, on 30 July now last past, and at which auction said Major Morgan was declared to be the best bidder, at price of £235, and same was thereupon agreed to be conveyed to him at Michaelmas next ensuing at that price, subject to an existing lease of said premises granted by said Samuel Johnson, wherein five years were declared to be unexpired at Lady-day then last, And whereas said Benjamin and Thomas Johnson parties hereto (as sons of said Fisher Johnson) are respectively entitled each to one 4th part, and said Ann, wife of said Wm. Whiting (who is dau. of said Thomas Johnson, of Coventry, decd.), or otherwise said Wm. Whiting in right of his said wife, is entitled to one other 4th part of moneys arising from said sale, subject to a deduction or allowance of costs incurred by execution of trusts reposed in said exors., and remaining 4th part of said moneys by said codicil is given to grand-dau. of said Thomas Johnson, of Coventry, decd., but in case there should be more grand-daus. than one of said Thomas Johnson living at time of said Samuel Johnson's decease, then same 4th part is given equally between such grand-daus., and by reason said Wm. Whiting hath, by said Ann his wife (one of daus. of said Thomas Johnson of Coventry), a child and dau., now an infant, born in lifetime of said testator, whose name is Sarah, and who as such is a grand-dau. of said Thomas Johnson of Coventry, therefore said Wm. Whiting insists his dau. is equally entitled with said Mary Bill, party hereto (who is before described to be only dau. of Mary Bill, decd., who was also another dau. of said Thomas Johnson of Coventry) to such said remaining 4th part of said moneys, as tenants in common and share and share alike, And the said Mary Bill party hereto is willing to acquiesce therewith and to accept and receive as her right share of said moneys one 8th part thereof subject to such deduction or allowances as afsd., And said Wm. Whiting and Ann his wife are willing and consenting that the 8th part of said moneys so claimed and allowed to belong to their said dau. Sarah Whiting shall remain in hands of said Major Morgan his heirs or assigns charged upon said messuage, by these presents after conveyed, until said Sarah Whiting shall attain her age of 21 or shall happen to depart this life, which shall first happen, and that she or her representative shall be capable of executing a valid and legal release and discharge of said moneys so given, but nevertheless upon condition that said Major Morgan, his heirs or assigns, shall from time to time in the interim, and until payment of said principal money, well and truly pay to proper guardian of said Sarah Whiting interest for principal moneys after rate of £4-10-0 for £100 by the year, and that for a collateral security to pay such interest accordingly, said Major Morgan shall give his promissory note to said Wm. Whiting, which he is willing to comply with and give, And whereas the several parties to these presents entitled to the moneys arising from said sale, and said Wm. Whiting and Ann his wife for their said dau., are willing to deduct costs incurred by the undertaking and execution of trusts respecting said sale from and out of said legacy moneys, without differing the execution of this deed by said exors., until precise amount of such costs can be

more accurately ascertained and apportioned, Now this indenture witnesseth that for carrying the trusts mentioned in said codicil to the will of said Samuel Johnson into execution by conveying said messuage to said Major Morgan, according to terms of said auction as the highest bidder, and in consideration of 10s/- apiece to said Sir Joshua Reynolds, Sir John Hawkins and Wm. Scott in hand paid by said Major Morgan at or before execution of these presents, and in consideration of £235 paid and to be paid by said Major Morgan as after mentioned, namely the sum of £58-15-0 (being one 4th part thereof) unto said Thomas Johnson party to these presents, the like sum of £58-15-0 (one other 4th part), unto said Benjamin Johnson, the like sum of £58-15-0 (one other 4th part), unto said Wm. Whiting and Ann his wife or one of them, and sum of £29-7-6 (one moiety of remaining 4th part) unto said Mary Bill paid by said Major Morgan (with consent of said Sir Joshua Reynolds, Sir John Hawkins and Wm. Scott), at or before execution hereof, the parties so receiving the same acknowledge and confess that same moneys are a full satisfaction of their respective rights of and in the whole purchase money arising from said sale, And they do hereby respectively acquit, release and for ever discharge said Major Morgan, his heirs, etc., from all claims and demands of same moneys so paid, And for and in consideration of sum of 10s/- to said Joseph Bill in hand paid by said Major Morgan, And also for and in consideration that of the sum of £29-7-6 other moiety of last mentioned 4th part), after deducting thereout the share and proportion of said Sarah Whiting towards payment of said costs, the balance thereof is to remain a charge upon said dwelling house so agreed to be sold, for benefit of said Sarah Whiting, as her right share and proportion of said purchase moneys, pursuant to bequest contained in said codicil, together with interest for same in meantime, annually and on every 29 Sept., at £4-10-0 for £100 by the year, until payment of principal money, They the said Sir Joshua Reynolds, Sir John Hawkins and Wm. Scott have and every one of them hath at the request and by direction of said Thomas Johnson, Benjamin Johnson, Wm. Whiting, and Ann his wife and Mary Bill, testified by their severally being parties to and executing these presents, bargained, sold and conveyed and by these presents do and every one of them doth bargain, sell and convey, And said Thomas Johnson party hereto, Benjamin Johnson, Wm. Whiting and Ann his wife and Mary Bill, acknowledging themselves perfectly satisfied with said sale to said Major Morgan, and also said Joseph Bill, have and every of them hath granted, sold, released and confirmed and by these presents do and every of them doth grant unto said Major Morgan, and to his heirs and assigns, All that messuage situate in said city of Lichfield, wherein Sarah Johnson, mother of said Samuel Johnson, did formerly and Thomas Bond and Mrs. Bond his widow did afterwards but wherein Mr. Charles Hinckesman doth now inhabit, situate (etc., etc.), and also all the yard or backside behind said messuage (except only such part of said buildings as is leasehold and held under Bailiffs and Corporation of city of Lichfield), To have and to hold said messuage unto said Major Morgan to and for the only proper use and behoof of said Major Morgan, but subject nevertheless to one 8th part of said sum of £235 as and for right share and proportion of said Sarah Whiting

of and in said purchase moneys. . . . . And said Sir Joshua Reynolds, Sir John Hawkins and Wm. Scott do hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with said Major Morgan, that the said Sir Joshua Reynolds, Sir John Hawkins and Wm. Scott have not done any act whereby said premises are or may be impeached or incumbered in title howsoever, and said Thomas Johnson party hereto and said Benjamin Johnson do for themselves, and said Wm. Whiting doth for himself and said Ann his wife, and said Joseph Bill and Mary Bill do for themselves promise and agree to and with said Major Morgan in manner following, that is to say that it shall and may be lawful to said Major Morgan at all times hereafter peaceably and quietly to have, hold and enjoy said messuage, and to receive and take rents thereof to his own use, without any let or interruption of them, said Thomas Johnson, Benjamin Johnson and William Whiting and Ann his wife, Joseph Bill and Mary Bill, parties hereto, free and clear by them, some or one of them, saved harmless and kept indemnified from all manner of incumbrances whatsoever, the common and usual taxes and assessments, and said charge of said eighth part of said purchase moneys and the interest thereof for the interest of said Sarah Whiting, and also a certain indenture of mortgage dated 31 Jan. 1739, made by said Samuel Johnson and his mother Sarah Johnson, since decd., to Theophilus Levett, gent., since decd., for term of 500 years, for securing repayment of sum of £80 then borrowed at interest, and which principal and interest hath been long since paid off, but said mortgage term hath not been reassigned, and which therefore at the proportionate expense of said legatees of said Samuel Johnson beforementioned is intended and agreed now to be reassigned by separate instrument bearing equal date with these presents by exor. of said Theophilus Levett, to a trustee for said Major Morgan, In trust to attend inheritance of said premises hereby conveyed for benefit of said Major Morgan and to protect said premises from all mesne incumbrances, if any such there be, And also a certain indenture of lease hereinbefore referred to, dated 25 Feb. 1769, and made and granted by said Samuel Johnson to Thomas Bond, mercer, for 21 years from 25 Mch. next ensuing date of that lease, and now assigned to said Charles Hinckesman for remainder of that term at yearly rent of £12 from and out of this present covenant always excepted and fore reprised, And also that said Thomas Johnson, Benjamin Johnson, William Whiting and Ann his wife, and said Joseph Bill and Mary Bill, shall at only and proportionate proper costs of said legatees receiving benefit of said purchase moneys, as of Michaelmas term now next ensuing or some other subsequent term, acknowledge and levy before H.M. Justices of Court of Common Pleas at Westminster in due form of law one fine* sur conizance de droit come ces and so forth, whereupon proclamations

* Record of this fine is preserved with the deed :—Final agreement made in Court at Westminster from day of Holy Trinity in three weeks in 26 Geo. III. (1786) before Alexander Lord Loughborough, Henry Gould, George Nares and John Heath, Justices then and there present, between Major Morgan, pl., and Thomas Johnson, Benjamin Johnson, William Whiting and Ann his wife, Joseph Bill and Mary Bill, spr., deforciants of one mess. with appurts., in par. of St. Mary in city of Litchfield, whereupon a plea of covenant was summoned between them in same Court, that is to say that afsd. T., B.,

shall be had according to form of statute in that case made and provided and usual course of fines in such cases accustomed under said Major Morgan, which said fines levied . . . . either alone or together with any other parcels or messuages, it is hereby declared and agreed by and between said parties hereto as for and concerning said messuage shall be and enure, and shall be adjudged, deemed and taken to be and enure unto and to and for only proper use and behoof of said Major Morgan for ever, subject and chargeable nevertheless in manner as hereinbefore is particularly mentioned, and whereas by indenture of lease dated 28 Aug. 1767 and made between Samuel Clements and Thomas Storer, gents., then bailiffs, and their brethren citizens of city of Lichfield of one part, and said Samuel Johnson of other part, said bailiffs did grant, demise and to farm let unto said Samuel Johnson all those parts of their land, soil or waste ground whereon Michael Johnson had theretofore encroached [description of encroachment as before], for 40 years, by a certain other indenture of lease dated 24 June 1708, to hold unto said Samuel Johnson from 25 Mch. last past before making indenture now in recital, for 99 years thence ensuing and to be complete, at yearly rental of 2s/6. Now therefore this indenture further witnesseth that for considerations afsd. said Sir Joshua Reynolds, Sir John Hawkins and William Scott have and every of them hath sold and assigned unto said Major Morgan all said parts and parcels of land, soil and waste ground, and all priveliges and premises whatsoever granted by said last before recited indenture of lease from said bailiffs, and all estate, right and title of them said Sir Joshua Reynolds, Sir John Hawkins and William Scott of, in and to same premises, together with said original indenture of lease itself, To have and to hold same premises hereby assigned unto said Major Morgan during residue of said term of 99 years, but subject to payment of said annual reserved rent of 2s/6, And said Major Morgan doth covenant, promise and agree to and with said Sir Joshua Reynolds, Sir John Hawkins and William Scott that he said Major Morgan shall well and truly pay said annual and reserved rent of 2s/6, etc., etc., In witness whereof parties first before named to these present indentures have interchangeably set and put their hands and seals the day and year first before written.

[*signed*] Joshua Reynolds, John Hawkins, Wm. Scott, in presence of John Sidney Hawkins and Ralph Kirkley, servant to Sir Joshua Reynolds ; and Thomas Johnson, Benjn. Johnson, William Whiting, the mark × of Ann Whiting,

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W. and A., and J. and M., have acknowledged afsd. mess. to be right of him said Major, as that which said Major hath of gift of afsd. T., B., W. and A., and J. and M., and that they have remised and quitclaimed from them said T., B., W. and A., J. and M., and their heirs, to afsd. Major and his heirs, and moreover said Thomas hath granted for him and his heirs that they will warrant to said Major and his heirs afsd. mess. with appurts. against him said Thomas and his heirs for ever, and further said Benjamin hath do., do, And furthermore said William and Ann have do., do, And also said Joseph hath do., do, And also said Mary hath do., do, And for this acknowledgment, remise, quitclaim, warranty, fine and agreement, said Major hath given to afsd. T., B., W. and A., J. and M., £100 sterling.

the mark × of Joseph Bill, Mary Bill, Major Morgan, in presence of Wm. Bond and Chas. Howard.

[*Endorsements.*]

We the within named Thomas Johnson and Benjamin Johnson, parties to within written deed, do hereby respectively acknowledge to have had and received from Major Morgan £58-15-0 each, and we the within named William Whiting and Ann his wife acknowledge to have had from him £58-15-0, and I Mary Bill, party to deed, do hereby acknowledge to have had from him £29-7-6, being respective consideration moneys to be paid by him to us.

[*signed*] Thomas Johnson, Benj. Johnson, William Whiting, the mark × of Ann Whiting, Mary Bill, in presence of Wm. Bond, and Chas. Howard.

We the within named William Whiting and Ann his wife do hereby acknowledge that of sum of £29-7-6 within mentioned to be consideration money belonging to our dau. Sarah Whiting, after deducting her proportionate share of costs, there remains as the net balance thereof, to continue charged on same dwelling house and to be payable to said Sarah Whiting, the just and exact principal sum of £26-18-9 and no more, and that said Major Morgan will only be liable to payment of that sum of £26-18-9.

As witness our hands 17 July 1786, William Whiting, the mark × of Ann Whiting, in presence of Wm. Bond, Chas. Howard.

I the within named Sir John Hawkins do hereby acknowledge that I have in my custody regular releases and discharges, namely one jointly from William Whiting and Ann his wife and three others distinctly and separately from Thomas Johnson and from Benjamin Johnson and from Mary Bill, parties to within deed, respectively impressed with stamp duty of 10^{s}/- for the amount of the respective legacies arising from sale of dwelling house within mentioned and respectively belonging to them by virtue of codicil to will of Dr. Samuel Johnson, and I do promise within named Major Morgan that I will upon any reasonable occasion produce same, at costs of said Major Morgan, in any court of law or equity for his and their better security and protection as purchasers of dwelling house within conveyed.

As witness my hand 17 July 1786, John Hawkins, in presence of John Sidney Hawkins.

Then follows the assignment, of even date with the conveyance, by John Levett, as executor of the will of his late father, Theophilus Levett. We have already learned something of Johnson's relations with the Levetts (*ante*, p. 10), and in Appendix L (*post*, p. 182) is a full account of the family.

Assignment from John Levett, Esq., at the request of Mr. Morgan and with the consent and approbation of the heir at law and executors of the will of the late Dr. Samuel Johnson to Mr. John Hartwell as a trustee for Mr. Morgan of a mortgage term of 500 years in a dwelling house in the Market Place in Lichfield in trust to attend the inheritance thereof purchased by and conveyed to Mr. Morgan and his heirs. Dated 29th Sept. 1785.

This indenture of five parts made 29 Sept. 1785 between John Levett of Whichnor, co. Staff., esq., only surviving exor. of last will and testament of his late father Theophilus Levett, of city of Lichfield in co. of same city, gent., decd., of 1st part, Sir Joshua Reynolds, of Leicester-Square in liberty of Westminster, co. M'sex, knight, Sir John Hawkins, of par. of St. Margaret, Westminster, knight, and William Scott, of Doctors' Commons, in city of London, Dr. of Laws, only exors. of last will and testament of Samuel Johnson, formerly of said city of Lichfield, and late of city of London, Dr. of Laws, decd., of 2nd part, Thomas Johnson, of Nottingham, co. Nottingham, stationer and printer, cousin and heir-at-law of said Samuel Johnson, decd., of 3rd part, Major Morgan, of city of Lichfield afsd., bookseller, of 4th part, and John Hartwell, of same city, dyer and manufacturer of woollens, of 5th part, Whereas by indenture of mortgage dated on or about 31 Jan. 1739 and made between Sarah Johnson, of city of Lichfield, widow and relict of Michael Johnson, of same place, bookseller, decd., and said Samuel Johnson, by description of Samuel Johnson, son and heir of said Michael Johnson by said Sarah his wife, of the one part, and said Theophilus Levett of the other part, said Sarah Johnson and Samuel Johnson, in consideration of sum of £80 to them or one of them paid by said Theophilus Levett, did demise, grant, bargain and sell unto said Theophilus Levett, his exors., etc., All that messuage, dwelling house or tenement with appurts., situate in said city of Lichfield, in Sadler otherwise Market Street, in tenure or occupation of Edward Howcott, and wherein she said Sarah Johnson did then dwell, situate in corner of said street over against market cross in said city, and adjoining on one side to messuage then late of Samuel Mousley, gent., decd., wherein one Mr. Moor did then dwell, in said street called Sadlers otherwise Market Street, and on other side to messuage wherein one John Webster did then dwell in a certain street called Breadmarket Street in said city, and also the site, soil or plot of ground whereupon said messuage or dwelling house did then stand, together with all outhouses, etc., which premises are therein mentioned to have been theretofore purchased by said Michael Johnson from one Nathaniel Barton, citizen and silkman of London, To hold unto said Theophilus Levett, his exors., etc., from day of date of said indenture now in recital, for and during full term of 500 years, subject nevertheless to proviso therein contained for redemption of said premises by vacating same indenture upon payment by said Sarah Johnson and Samuel Johnson, or either of them, or their heirs, etc., unto said Theophilus Levett, his exors., etc., of said sum of £80 with interest for same at rate of £4-10-0 per cent. per year at a day for that purpose appointed and long since past, and whereas principal sum of £80

was not discharged at day and time in said proviso mentioned and appointed for payment thereof, whereby legal estate of said Theophilus Levett of and in said mortgaged premises became absolute for remainder of said term of 500 years, but the whole of said principal money and all interest hath been since fully paid, and there hath not been any re-assignment yet made or executed of said messuage, etc., for residue of that term, but by an indorsement on said recited indenture subscribed with signature of said John Levett bearing date 27 June 1757 he the said John Levett (in whom said mortgaged premises were then legally vested as personal representative of said Theophilus Levett, decd.) did promise and agree in substance and effect to assign that mortgage to said Samuel Johnson or to such person or persons as he should direct for remainder of said term at costs and charges of said Samuel Johnson, And whereas said Samuel Johnson in and by codicil or writing purporting to be codicil to his said will dated on or about 9 Dec. 1784 and executed in manner as act requires for devising real estates, gave, devised and bequeathed said messuage, etc., to his exors. in trust to sell and dispose of same, and said Sir Joshua Reynolds, Sir John Hawkins and William Scott, by virtue and in pursuance of said trust so thereby to them given, have since decease of said Samuel Johnson in capacity of trustees duly sold said messuage, etc., to said Major Morgan as best bidder and largest purchaser thereof, and said Major Morgan, being desirous to have said mortgaged premises for residue of said term assigned to said John Hartwell upon trust for purposes after mentioned, hath requested said John Levett to execute such assignment, who is willing to comply therewith if said exors. and heir-at-law of said Samuel Johnson, decd., should approve thereof and consent thereto, which they mean to declare and signify by these presents accordingly, Now this indenture witnesseth that in consideration the whole of said principal sum of £80 formerly secured and owing on said before in part recited indenture of mortgage and also that the whole of the interest accrued and become due thereon hath some time since been fully satisfied and discharged, the truth and fact whereof said John Levett doth hereby acknowledge, allow and declare, and from same moneys and all further or future claims or demands thereof or of any part thereof he doth acquit and for ever discharge said exors. and heir-at-law of said Samuel Johnson, decd., and also said messuage, etc., and said Major Morgan as purchaser thereof and his heirs by these presents and for and in consideration of sum of 10^{s}/- unto said John Levett in hand paid by said John Hartwell at or before execution of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, he said John Levett at request of said Major Morgan and with consent of said Sir Joshua Reynolds, Sir John Hawkins, and William Scott as trustees, and also with consent of said Thomas Johnson as heir-at-law, testified by their respectively being parties to and executing these presents, hath assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents, at like request as afsd., said John Levett doth assign, transfer and set over unto said John Hartwell, his exors., etc., all that said messuage, etc., in said city of Lichfield, wherein said Sarah Johnson did heretofore and Charles Hinckesman doth now inhabit and dwell, one side of which adjoins to Sadler otherwise Market Street and another

side adjoins to Breadmarket Street, and is the corner house of those two streets over against the market cross, and all premises comprised in said before in part recited indenture of mortgage, together with all outhouses, etc., appertaining, and all the estate, right, title, interest, term of years yet to come and unexpired, property, claim and demand both at law and in equity of him said John Levett of, in, to or out of said premises, To have and to hold said messuage, etc., unto said John Hartwell, his exors., etc., from henceforth during all residue of said term of 500 years therein now to come and unexpired, in trust nevertheless for said Major Morgan, his heirs and assigns, and to be disposed of as he and they shall in that behalf direct or appoint, and in meantime to attend, wait upon and go along with the reversion, freehold and inheritance of same messuage, etc., and vested in said Major Morgan as purchaser thereof in and by certain indenture of release and assurance for that purpose made and executed and bearing equal date with these presents, to the end and intent to protect same premises from all mesne or intervening incumbrances (if any such there be), excepting only such to which said Major Morgan hath made himself liable as purchaser of said freehold in and by same indenture of release and assurance whereto said Major Morgan is a party, And said John Levett doth for himself, his heirs, etc., covenant with said John Hartwell, his exors., etc., and also with said Major Morgan, his heirs, etc., by these presents in manner following, that is to say that said Theophilus Levett had not in his lifetime to the knowledge of him said John Levett, and that since said Theophilus Levett's decease said John Levett hath not suffered, executed or occasioned any act whereby said term of 500 years or residue thereof is, may or shall be surrendered or made void or whereby said messuage, etc., may be impeached or incumbered in title, charge, estate or otherwise, save and except only and inasmuch as said indorsement on said before in part recited indenture of mortgage can or may in anywise affect same.

Signed, sealed and delivered by (1) Joshua Reynolds, (2) John Hawkins, (3) Wm. Scott, (4) John Levett, (5) Tohmas [*sic*] Johnson, (6) Major Morgan, (7) John Hartwell.

(1), (2) and (3) witnessed by John Sidney Hawkins, Ralph Kirkley, servant to Sir Joshua Reynolds; (4), (5) and (6) by Wm. Bond, Chas. Howard; and (7) by Wm. Enscoe, Wm. Bond.

Thus ends the story of the Johnsons' possession of the house, as told by the title deeds. The house did not change hands again till 1808, when Arthur Morgan sold it to Richard Tooth.

In the Salt Library, at Stafford, are preserved the accounts in connexion with the sale of the house by Dr. Johnson's executors. The first is endorsed, "General account between the Legatees of Dr. Johnson and Mr. Morgan":—

Mr. Morgan to Dr. Johnson's Exors. & Legatees, Deb^{r}.

For the purchase of Dr. Johnson's House sold for		235—0—0
The sum of £11–15–0 Deposit Money being paid to Mr. Creswell at the time of the Auction—Mr. Morgan allows Interest for the remainder thereof £223–5–0 at the rate of £3 per cent from the 29th day of Sep: 1785 to the 17th July 1786 being the rate at wh. it has lain in Mr. Barkers Bankers hands to be ready when required being 9–18–0		5—5—0
For a years Rent fr. Mr. Hinckesman from Michaelmas 1784 to Michaelmas 1785		12—0—0
The sum of £207–19–0 being the ballance due fr. Mr. Morgan is to be divided into fourths, & one fourth part thereof carried to the separate Account of Thomas Johnson		
4th of £207–19–0	51–19—9	
also 4th of £7–11–0 due fr. Mr. Creswell	1–17—9	53–17—6
The like to Benjamin Johnson		53–17—6
The like to Wm. Whiting & Ann his wife		53–17—6
One half thereof being an eighth of the whole to Mary Bill		26–18—9
The other half thereof being the other eighth		26–18—9
		215–10—0

P. Contra Creditor.

By a years Land Tax for Dr. Johnson's house from Mich^{s} 1784 to Do. 1785	0–13—0
By a years rent from Do. to Do. due to the Corporation of Lichfield	0—2—6
By payment of Mr. Howards Bill of charges to the Legatees of the Ho: incurred on their account, exclusive of the Release to the Exors. under the Legacy Act	21–13—4
By payment of Sir John Hawkins charge for office copy of Dr. Johnsons Will and for advertisements postages and parcels etc.	1–14—2
By allowance of the supposed Charges by Mr. Creswell for his trouble etc. as auctioneer in the sale of Dr. Johnson's Ho: out of the £11–15–0 by him received from Mr. Morgan for Deposit money	4—4—0
By payment of Mr. Hopkinsons Bill of Charge for journey from Nottingham to Lichfield on the Conclusion of the matter 3 days Horsehire and expenses	4—4—0
By payment of Mr. Hands Bill as Agent for the parties in the transaction of this business	4—4—0
	36–15—0

To ballance this Account	
By cash in Mr. Creswells hands being the remr. of £11–15–0 after deduction of the above 4 gns. by him received for the Deposit Money and for which he is accountable to the legatees	7–11—0
By Cash fr. Mr. Morgan	207–19—0
	252—5—0

This a/c was settled and allowed by us to be true and correct, and the proportion of each share of the ballance is carried to a separate private a/c between the Legatees and Major Morgan so far as respects the ballance payable by him and that from Mr. Creswell the Legatees are to give credit for as witness our hands the 17th day of July 1786

THOMAS JOHNSON BENJ. JOHNSON

ANN WHITING × her mark
MARY BILL
MAJOR MORGAN

Witness to the Signing by all the Parties

G. HOPKINSON
CHAS. HOWARD.

There are three accompanying receipts :—

17 Feb. 1786. Recd. of Messrs. Thomas & Benj. Johnson, Wm. Whiting, Ann his wife, Mary Bill & Sarah Whiting Spr. Four Pounds four shillings the amt. of my Costs for Business done on their Behalf respectively in the matter of Dr. Samuel Johnson, decd. GEO. HAND.

Received the 17th of July 1786 of Mr. Major Morgan the sum of Four guineas being for my Bill in the business of the Conveyance of the late Dr. Johnson's Messuage at Lichfield, per me on account of the Legatees

G. HOPKINSON.

Aug. 9 1791. Recd. from Mr. Morgan the sum of eleven pounds six shillings and two pence for the Bill Annexed,

by me, ANN HOWARD.

Charles Howard had died on 24 Jan. 1791 (see *post*, p. 113), so Ann his widow signed as his executor. The following is the "Bill Annexed" :—

1785 Augt.

Mr. Morgan to the Exors. of the late Mr. Howard Debr.

Attending Mr. Morgan and Mr. Creswell the Auctioneer respecting the purchase of the late Dr. Johnson's House and taking instructions	0—8—4

Perusing and Considering Title on behalf of Mr. Morgan	0—6—8
1786. June. Drawing Conveyance from the Trustees and Legatees under Dr. Johnsons Will with many long recitals and explanations, far exceeding the number of folios allowed by Act of Parl: for four skins, but charged only as four	3—0—0
Making Copy thereof to send to Sir Jno. Hawkins	1—0—0
Ingrossing thereof at 10s/– per skin	2—0—0
Drawing and Ingrossing Lease for a year	0–10—6
Drawing two long and special Declarations respecting William Whiting's Daurs: proportion of Purchase money being left in Mr. Morgans hands and the Legatees discharges being in the hands of Sir John Hawkins	0–10—0
Ingrossing thereof	0—5—0
July 17. Attending Execution by the Several Legatees and proportioning Purchase money and Settling with them on behalf of the Purchaser most of two days (but part charged to the sellers)	0–13—0
Clerk attending the whole time	0—5—0
Paid carriage of Deeds to and from London	0—5—4
Paid out of pocket for Stamps Parchments and Paper	1–18—6
1788. Mar. 29. Filling up an Indenture of apprenticeship for binding Mr. William Morgan to his father for 7 years from 25 inst. and attending execution	0—3—6
	*11—6—2

Aug. 9. 1791. I have this day given a rect. on paper duly stamped
by me, ANN HOWARD.

Andrew Johnson's Descendants

In *The Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 217–27, I gave an account of Andrew Johnson, the Doctor's uncle, and of his family. Further details will be found in these *Gleanings*, at Part I., p. 20, and at Part III., pp. 6, 12–13, 16–19, 86–7, 108–9. The deeds of the Birthplace have told us more details of his descendants, and have encouraged me to seek information of them from sources suggested by the descriptions of them there given. As the legal representatives of their distinguished kinsman, and beneficiaries under his will, they have some interest for us, though their narrow circumstances, and apparent failure in any way to reflect his distinction, do

* The total of the figures as copied is 4d. short of this amount.

not enable them to shine at all by their own light. In the endeavour to trace the record of these humble folk I have been fortunate in enlisting the enthusiastic assistance of Mr. A. W. Read, of Leicester, who has been at prodigious labour to follow up the clues suggested. Mr. Read has searched the registers of five Leicester churches, St. Margaret's, All Saints', St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, and St. Mary's, all entries in each case, from 1700 to 1835; of St. Leonard's, Leicester, all entries, from 1700 to 1830; of Hinckley, co. Leicester, marriages 1713–1837, burials 1713–1829, and baptisms 1713–1828; of Hinckley Great Meeting, Nonconformist registers, baptisms and burials 1710–1917; of St. Michael's, Coventry, all entries, 1724–54; and of Holy Trinity, Coventry, from 1728, marriages to 1745, baptisms to 1744, and burials to 1770. These searches produced over 2,000 entries, from which the few relating to Andrew Johnson's descendants had to be sifted. Mr. Read also explored local directories, poll books, and the apprenticeship books at Leicester. The following are the relevant entries revealed by Mr. Read's researches :—

ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER

1758. Nov. 14. bur. Fisher Johnson.
1762. Sep. 8. bap. Benjamin Fisher, son of Thomas & Frances Johnson.
1768. Aug. 16. bur. Elizabeth, dau. of Thos. & Frances Johnson.
1769. Dec. 14. bap. Fisher, son of Thomas & Frances Johnson.
1770. Nov. 18. bur. Thomas, son of Thos. & Frances Johnson.
1771. Apl. 27. bur. Fisher, son of Thos. & Frances Johnson.
1771. Oct. 31. bap. Lucy, dau. of Benjn.-fisher & Eliz. Johnson.
1771. Nov. 17. bap. John, son of Thos. & Frances Johnson.
1773. Nov. 21. bap. Eliz., dau. of Benjamin & Elizth. Johnson (born 16 Nov.).
1775. Jan. 31. bur. Frances, dau. of Thos. & Frances Johnson.
1775. Dec. 17. bap. Sophia, dau. of Benjn. & Elizabeth Johnson (born 8 Dec.).
1776. Aug. 1. bur. Sophia, dau. of Benjn. & Elizth. Johnson.
1777. June 13. bap. Sam[l]. Fisher, son of Benjn. Fisher & Elizth. Johnson (born 11 June).
1780. June 28. bap. Benjn.-Craven, of Benjn. Fisher & Elizth. Johnson (born 23 June).
1801. Dec. 25. mar. Benjamin Craven Johnson, of this par., bach., and Ann Ward, of the same, spinster.* Wits., James Reeve, Rd. Stringer.

* The banns for this marriage were published on 6, 13, and 20 Dec. 1801.

1802. Feb. 15. bap. Benjamin Craven, son of Benjamin Craven and Ann Johnson (born 9 Feb.).
1809. Sep. 4. bur. Benjn. Johnson.
1810. Apl. 26. bur. Elizth. Johnson, widow.

ST. MARTIN'S, LEICESTER

1737. May 3. mar. Fisher Johnson and Ann Farres, by banns.
1738. May 22. bap. Thomas, s. of Fisher Johnston & Anne his wife (born Mch. 14).
1740. Apl. 6. bap. Benjamin Fisher, son of Fisher Johnson and Anne (born 29 Feb.).
1758. Feb. 27. mar. John Bills & Mary Johnson, both of this par., by banns. Wits., Thomas Johnas*** (*sic*), Wm. Ball.
1760. Oct. 21. mar. Thomas Johnson & Frances Allen, both of this par.
1770. June 1. mar. Benjn. Fisher Johnson and Elizth. Craven, both of this par., by banns. Wits., Jno. Skesley, John Page.
1778. Aug. 25. bur. John Bills, 45 yrs.
1820. Jan. 30. bur. Thomas Johnson, workhouse, 81.

HOLY TRINITY, COVENTRY

1779. May 28. bur. Mr. Thomas Johnson.

HINCKLEY

1785. Aug. 14. mar. Joseph Bills, of this par., and Ann Warpole, of same, by banns. Wits., Joseph Harford, James Merry.
1828. Sep. 7. bur. Joseph Bills, Hinckley, 70.

ST. MARY'S, NOTTINGHAM *

1785. Oct. 25. mar. Benjamin Fisher Johnson, and Ann Bowers, both of this par., by banns, by N. Haines, vicar. Signed, Benjamin Fisher Johnson × *his mark*, Ann Bowers. Wits., Henry Warburton, Robert Kirkby.
1787. Sep. 10. bap. Benjamin, son of Benjamin Johnson & Ann.
1788. Nov. 10. bap. Thomas, son Benjamin Johnson & Ann.
1792. Mch. 13. bap. Benjamin & Elizabeth, twins of Benjamin Johnson & Ann.

LEICESTER APPRENTICESHIP BOOKS

1747. 2 Mch. John Son of John Bills Flaxdresser now Soldier in his Majesty's Service appr. to Thos. Stretton of this Borough (to learn the Art of Flaxdressing only) for 7 yrs. from 22 February last. Master finds Meat drink & Lodgeing apparell & washing excepted.
1754. Oct. 10. Benjamin Fisher Johnson son of Fisher Johnson of this Bor. Labourer appr. to Benjamin Spencer of this Bor. Woolcomber for 7 yrs. from the date, Master finds Meat drink & Lodgeing, apparell & washing excepted.

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* In this case I had the marriage already, and Mr. Read only searched the baptisms 1785-92, and burials 1786-96, both inclusive.

1756. Dec. 30. Benjamin son of Thomas Johnson of the City of Coventry Currier Appr. to John Jee of this Borough Tinplate Worker for 7 yrs. from 25th instant, Master finds Meat, &c., apparell excepted. Cons. 15s.

LEICESTER DIRECTORY

1794. Benjamin Johnson, Belgrave Gate, worsted maker.

LEICESTER POLL BOOKS

1768. Benjamin Johnson, Coventry.
— Benjamin Fisher Johnson, Leicester.
— John Bills, Coventry.
1800. Samuel F. Johnson, framework knitter, Belgrave Gate.
— Benjamin Fisher Johnson, victualler, Belgrave Gate.
1826. J. F. Johnson, tobacconist, London.

Mr. Read also made extensive research at the Probate Registry at Leicester, through the names of Johnson, Farres, Allen and Craven, with this single result :—

1810. Mch. 2. Admon. of goods, etc., of Benjamin Fisher Johnson, late of par. of St. Margaret's, Leicester, innholder, who died 1 Sep. 1809, was granted, by the Prebendary Court of St. Margaret's, to Elizabeth Johnson, widow, of Leicester, the relict, and Samuel Fisher Johnson, of same, innholder, one of sons of said decd. Personal estate sworn under £100. Sureties, Samuel Wright, of Leicester, innholder, and Thomas Withers, of same, cooper.*

The Johnson family, unfortunately, seems to have had a marked disinclination for will-making. I have had search made also in P.C.C. for Fisher Johnson, died 1758 ; Elizabeth Johnson, died 1810 ; John Bills, died 1778 ; and Joseph Bills, died 1828, but no wills or admons. can be found.

With the evidences just quoted, and those at the references given, we can now construct the following pedigree of Andrew Johnson's descendants :—

ANDREW JOHNSON, bap. 7 Dec. 1660 at Cubley, co. Derby, son of William Johnson, of Cubley, and afterwards of Lichfield, yeoman, and Catherine his wife ; in his early years said to have been a celebrated pugilist and wrestler, " who kept the ring in Smithfield for a whole year, and never was thrown or conquered " ; apprenticed 3 Dec. 1683, for 7 years, to his elder brother, Benjamin Johnson (? of London), bookseller ; on expiry of apprenticeship settled in Lichfield, where

* In the *Leicester Directory* of 1815, Samuel Wright, victualler, appears as keeping the Black Swan, and Thomas Withers as a cooper, both in Belgrave Gate.

he lived with his eldest brother, Michael Johnson, bookseller, in Market Street, and assisted him in his business; in 1696 started as a bookseller on his own account in Birmingham, where he published, in 1702, the town's first known book; had a good shop in the High Street, but never prospered, and in 1720–22 was in imminent danger of arrest for debt; burd. 22 June 1729 at St. Philip's, Birmingham. Will dated 17 Apl. 1729, proved 17 Sep. 1731 at Lichfield. Andrew Johnson evidently married immediately on expiry of his apprenticeship, for he had children bap. at St. Mary's, Lichfield, Michael on 8 Aug. 1691, and Catherine on 1 Apl. 1693, who probably both died young, or at any rate without issue. In May 1695 he was a widower, and on 13 Nov. 1696 he married, at Harborne, Sarah, dau. of Thomas Fisher, of Elmdon, Warwicks., yeoman. She died before about 1717, when he married a third wife, Sarah White, who survived him and was living a widow in Birmingham in 1732. By Sarah Fisher, his second wife, he had issue,

A. Mary Johnson, bap. 23 Dec. 1697 at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

B. FISHER JOHNSON, of whom presently.

C. Anne Johnson, bap. 14 June 1701 at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

D. Thomas Johnson, bap. 19 Feb. 1702/3 at St. Martin's, Birmingham; Dr. Johnson's "playfellow in childhood"; moved from Birmingham to St. Mary's par., Lichfield, in 1728, probably to help his uncle Michael with his business after Samuel had gone up to Oxford; on 1 Aug. 1755 described as a currier in the West Orchard in Coventry; during last ten years of his life, at least, in very poor circumstances, and constantly helped by Dr. Johnson, who visited him at Coventry as opportunity offered. Died in May 1779, soon after Dr. Johnson had been to see him *in extremis*; bur. 28 May 1779 at Holy Trinity, Coventry, as "*Mr.* Thomas Johnson." The name of his wife, the date and place of his marriage, and the birthplace of his children, remain unknown, but he had issue,

1. Benjamin Johnson, appr. 25 Dec. 1756, for 7 years, to John Jee, of Leicester, tinplate worker; Benjamin Johnson, of Coventry, in Leicester poll book of 1768; died without issue before Dr. Johnson made the codicil to his will on 9 Dec. 1784.

1. Ann Johnson, mar. before 9 Dec. 1784, living 17 July 1786, as wife of William Whiting, of Hinckley, currier, by whom she had a dau., Sarah Whiting, born before Dr. Johnson's death on 13 Dec. 1784, and living a minor 17 July 1786.

2. Mary Johnson, mar. 27 Feb. 1758, at St. Martin's, Leicester, to John Bills, of Leicester, flaxdresser, and died before 29 Sept. 1785. John Bills, son of John Bills, flaxdresser and soldier in H.M. service, was appr. 22 Feb. 1747, for 7 years, to Thomas Stretton, of Leicester, flaxdresser, and was bur. 25 Aug. 1778, aged 45, at St. Martin's, Leicester, having had issue by Mary Johnson,

(1) Joseph Bills, of Hinckley, stocking weaver ; mar. 14 Aug. 1785, at Hinckley, to Ann, dau. of —— Warpole, of Hinckley, and was bur. 7 Sep. 1828, at Hinckley, aged 70.

(1) Mary Bills, living a spinster at Coventry, 29 Sep. 1785.

FISHER JOHNSON, above mentioned, eldest son of Andrew Johnson by Sarah Fisher his second wife ; bap. 7 Nov. 1699 at St. Martin's, Birmingham ; left Birmingham in 1736 for Leicester, where he remained ; described in 1754 as labourer ; bur. 14 Nov. 1758 at St. Margaret's, Leicester ; mar. 3 May 1737 at St. Martin's, Leicester, Ann Farres, of that parish, and had issue two sons,

I. Thomas Johnson, born 14 Mch. 1738, bap. 22 May 1738 at St. Martin's, Leicester ; mar. 21 Oct. 1760 at St. Martin's, Leicester, to Frances Allen, of that par.; lived in Leicester until at least 1775 ; described in the Birthplace deeds of 29 Sep. 1785 as "*Thomas Johnson, of Nottingham, in the County of Nottingham, stationer and printer, cousin and heir at law of the said Samuel Johnson deceased.*" Nothing known of him after 1786,* unless he were the Thomas Johnson bur. 30 Jan. 1820, aged 81, from the workhouse, at St. Martin's, Leicester. By Frances Allen he had issue,

a. Benjamin Fisher Johnson, of St. Mary's, Nottingham ; bap. 8 Sep. 1762 at St. Margaret's, Leicester ; mar. 25 Oct. 1785, at St. Mary's, Nottingham, Ann Bowers, of that par., and had issue, Benjamin Johnson, bap. 10 Sep. 1787 at St. Mary's, Nottingham ; Thomas Johnson, bap. there 10 Nov. 1788 ; and Benjamin and Elizabeth Johnson, twins, bap. there 13 Mch. 1792.

b. Elizabeth Johnson, bur. 16 Aug. 1768 at St. Margaret's, Leicester.

c. Fisher Johnson, bap. 14 Dec. 1769 and bur. 27 Apl. 1771 at St. Margaret's, Leicester.

d. Thomas Johnson, bur. 18 Nov. 1770 at St. Margaret's, Leicester.

e. John Johnson, bap. 17 Nov. 1771 at St. Margaret's, Leicester.

f. Frances Johnson, bur. 31 Jan. 1775 at St. Margaret's, Leicester.

II. Benjamin Fisher Johnson, born 29 Feb. 1740, bap. 6 Apl. 1740, at St. Martin's, Leicester ; appr. 10 Oct. 1754 to Benjamin Spencer, of Leicester, woolcomber, for 7 years ; of Belgrave Gate, Leicester, worsted maker, in 1794, and in 1800 a victualler at same address ; an innholder at time of his death there on 1 Sep. 1809 ; bur. 4 Sep. 1809 at St. Margaret's, Leicester. Admon. granted at Leicester, 2 Mch. 1810. Mar. 1 June 1770 at St. Martin's, Leicester, to Elizabeth Craven, of that par., who was living his widow at Leicester on 2 Mch. 1810, and was probably bur. at St. Margaret's on 26 Apl. 1810, having had issue,

a. Lucy Johnson, bap. 31 Oct. 1771 at St. Margaret's, Leicester.

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* From local enquiries, he seems to have left no record behind him at Nottingham as a printer.

b. Elizabeth Johnson, born 16 Nov. 1773, bap. 21 Nov. 1773, at St. Margaret's, Leicester.

c. Sophia Johnson, born 8 Dec. 1775; bap. 17 Dec. 1775 and bur. 1 Aug. 1776 at St. Margaret's, Leicester.

d. Samuel Fisher Johnson, born 11 June 1777; bap. 13 June 1777 at St. Margaret's, Leicester; of Belgrave Gate, Leicester, framework knitter, in 1800; of Leicester, innholder, on 2 Mch. 1810.

e. Benjamin Craven Johnson, born 23 June 1780, bap. 28 June 1780 at St. Margaret's, Leicester; mar. 25 Dec. 1801 at St. Margaret's, Leicester, to Ann, dau. of —— Ward, of that par., and had issue, Benjamin Craven Johnson, born 9 Feb. 1802, bap. 15 Feb. 1802, at St. Margaret's, Leicester.

With such distinctive names to guide us as "Fisher Johnson" and "Craven Johnson," it should be possible to trace the history of these people further and to discover their living representatives. But up to the present I have not been able to do so.

The fact of Andrew Johnson's grandson, Thomas Johnson, being described as "cousin and heir at law" of Dr. Johnson in 1785, shows at least that Andrew's elder brother, Benjamin Johnson, the bookseller, of whom we have no record after 1683 (*ante*, III., 12), had then no male descendant living.

APPENDIX B

FRESH LIGHT ON THE FORD FAMILY

(See *ante*, III., Chap. II)

Mr. Hugh Alexander Ford, British Consul at Baltimore, who has collected a great deal of evidence towards the history of families bearing his name, kindly supplied me in 1914–15 with brief notes of some Chancery suits which he thought would throw light on Dr. Johnson's mother's kindred. I have obtained full abstracts of them, and several are of very considerable interest. The earliest one tells us how Henry Ford, in 1649, purchased the estate of Haunch Hall,

Kings Norton, for his younger brother, Cornelius, as referred to *ante*, III., 31. Cornelius Ford was, of course, the grandfather of Dr. Johnson (see *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, Tabular Pedigree XXIX.) :—

14 Feb. 1650/1. Complaint by John Serjeant, late of Kings Norton, co. Worc., yeoman, that he had been seized in demesne of a capital messuage or farm house called Haunch Hall, and houses and lands in Kings Norton, some part whereof were in tenure of Clement Blythe for a term at a yearly rent of £11-10-0, and he sold to Thomas Fewster a building belonging to said messuage, and in Apl. 1649 Henry Foorde, of Birmingham, gave him £750 for him to convey said messuage and lands, with said exceptions, to Mary Foorde, widow, and Cornelius her son, the said Mary and Cornelius appointing Henry their attorney. It was agreed that Humphrey Griswold should draw up an indenture between complainant and Mary his wife on the one part, and Mary and Cornelius Foorde on the other part, and this indenture, bearing date 16 Apl. 1649, was made, and a date, 22 Apl. 1649, was appointed for the sealing thereof, and complainant and his wife came, and Mary and Cornelius Foorde did not, but Henry Foorde did. Complainant refused to sign, as said exceptions had not been put in, but Henry Foorde, on behalf of his said mother and brother, undertook to make said exceptions, so said indenture was sealed. Now Mary and Cornelius pretend they did not give power to Henry touching said exceptions.
13 Apl. 1651. Answer of Mary and Henry Foord, and of Cornelius Foord, by John Smalbrooke, gent., his guardian, saying that said land, etc., was bought for the use of Cornelius, and Henry consented that Blythe should have some rooms in the house until 1651, he paying rent, but Mary and Cornelius only gave him power for the purchase and not for any exceptions.
Chancery Proceedings before 1714, *Bridges, Bundle* 392, *No.* 77.

The next suit seems to afford a clue as to the origin of Henry Ford, the elder, of Aston-juxta-Birmingham, the great-grandfather of Dr. Johnson :—

17 Feb. 1661/2. Complaint by Ralph Ford, of Corley, co. War., yeoman, and Jane Ford, dau. and heir of Christopher Ford, decd., who was son and heir of said Ralph, that about 40 years ago one Jane Clarke, afterwards wife of said Ralph, was seized in fee to use of her and her heirs of a messuage in Corley, with a garden, orchard and crofts of land, whereof two are called Corley Crofts and two Gibbcrofts, now or late in possession of said Ralph Ford, and so being seized, by indenture made at their marriage, between Jane Clarke, of one part, and Barnaby Holbeach, late of Corley, co. War., yeoman, and *Henry Ford of Aston, co. War., yeoman*, of other part, said Jane demised said premises, of yearly value of £15, to said Barnaby and Henry, from the day of death of survivor of one Leonard Clarke and said Jane, for 1000 years, they paying profits to Jane during her life, and after her death to said Ralph, with remainder to issue of

Ralph and Jane. The said Ralph and Jane had issue Christopher Ford, their only child, who married and had issue Jane, the complainant, and afterwards died, so that said Jane is heir to Ralph and his wife Jane and to Christopher. Henry Ford died many years ago, and said Barnaby Holbeach about 10 years ago, after whose death one John Needham, married to Elizabeth, the said Barnaby's dau., has taken the rents and refuses to convey same to Ralph, and will not produce lease. Ralph Ford, being about 80 years old, is afraid that on his death said John will deprive said Jane of said rents and profits, therefore he desires John Needham and his wife Elizabeth may be summoned to appear to answer the premises.

Chancery Proceedings before 1714, *Hamilton, Bundle* 125, *No.* 39.

It is natural to assume, when we find Henry Ford of Aston a party to a settlement made on the marriage of Jane Clarke to Ralph Ford of Corley, *circa* 1621, that Henry and Ralph were related. Corley is only some fourteen miles due east from Birmingham, and so is not far from the area with which Johnson's Fords were associated. I have not found the will of Ralph Ford, or of his son and heir Christopher Ford. The will of a Richard Forde, of Corley, yeoman, dated 26 May 1631, was proved at Lichfield 13 Feb. 1633/4: he mentions Thomas Forde, of Muncke Park, William Forde, of Fillongley church end, Edward Forde and his sister Anne, wife of John Bosworth, and Anne the daughter of Thomas Forde, but states no relationship. Thomas Holbech, of Corley, his friend, was to be one of his overseers. The will of Christopher Ford, of Fillongley, co. War., clerk, was dated 13 Apl. 1635, and proved 27 Apl. 1640 at Lichfield. He mentions his wife Elizabeth; his late mother, Margaret Ford, who had owned property in Thurlaston, Dunchurch and Toft, co. Warwick, and (by purchase) in Barby, co. Northampton; an Anne Ford, whose relationship is not stated; his sister Elizabeth Grubb and her children Thomas Grubb, Daniel Grubb, Elizabeth Grubb, John Grubb and Richard Grubb; his nephew John Tedd, who had sisters Rebecca and Rachel; as well as a Margaret Ted and her brother Christopher Ted. The witnesses were Mary Holbech, Barnabas Holbech and Emma Holbech.

These Fords seem to be linked together by a common association with the adjoining villages of Corley and Fillongley, and with the Holbech family,* but their relationship to each other or to the Fords

* The will of Barnaby Holbech, of Corley, husbandn., dated 28 Apl. 1651, was proved 28 Nov. 1651 in P.C.C. (Grey 214). He leaves his property to his dau. Elizabeth,

of the Chancery suits (who also used the name Christopher) remains unproved. As Christopher Ford of Corley's father (born about 1581) was named Ralph, it may be pointed out that Joan, James and Ralph, children of a Ralph Ford, were born at Kings Norton in 1651, 1654 and 1657, only a few years before the baptisms of Johnson's uncles, aunts and mother began to appear in the registers there (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 199).

As the Rev. Christopher Ford, of Fillongley, inherited property which his mother had purchased at Barby, Northants., perhaps he was the Christopher Ford, of Northants., gent., who matriculated 8 Nov. 1594, aged (? 28), from Christ Church, Oxford, and took his B.A. from Broadgates Hall on 16 Feb. 1598/9—his name is spelt "Ifford" in the matriculation register (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*). But all this is only calculated still further to puzzle us.

The next suit concerns Johnson's grandfather, and is dated the month before the birth of the Doctor's mother (see *ante*, III., 36) :—

18 Feb. 1668/9. Complaint by Cornelius Ford, of Kings Norton, co. Worc., yeoman, that about two years ago one John Jorden, then of Aldrige *alias* Aldridge, co. Staff., gent., being seized in fee of certain lands in Aldridge, called Jorden's Fields, Barrell's Fields, and Barrell's Fields Meadows, and being desirous of raising money, prevailed on Edward Scott, of Aldridge, gent., and John Wiggin, of the same, yeoman, who both had an interest in said lands, to join with him in mortgaging them to complainant for £100, as appears by indenture dated 25 Mch. 1667, to hold to him and his heirs, unless said £100 and £9 interest were repaid by 29 Sept. 1668. They have not paid same, and therefore the lands are forfeit, but are still liable to the equity of redemption, therefore complainant begs that John Jorden, Edward Scott and John Wiggin may be caused to appear to answer the premises.

Chancery Proceedings before 1714, *Hamilton, Bundle* 128, *No.* 64.

One more of the suits relates to Johnson's grandfather :—

27 Jan. 1684/5. Complaint by Cornelius Ford, of Kings Norton, co. Worc., yeoman, that one George Jesson, of West Bromwich, co. Staff., yeoman, was in his life time possessed of a considerable personal estate of value of £600, and did on 12 Jan. 1656/7 become bound to complainant for £120-8-0 for payment of £60-4-0, and said money has never been repaid. George Jesson made his will

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wife of John Eedames (the John Needham of the suit), of Ulstrop, co. Leic., weaver, appointing them exors., and a bed to his grandchild, Elizabeth Eedams. The overseers were Thomas Harper and Thomas Holbech ; and the wits., Richard Lindon and Alice his wife, and Joan Lindon.

in Nov. 1678,* devising part of his personal estate to his wife, Mary Jesson, for life, and appointing Thomas, John and Cornelius Jesson his exors. The said exors. proved the will and became possessed of his estate, but have refused to pay said debt, therefore complainant begs they may be summoned to answer the premises.

Chancery Proceedings before 1714, *Collins, Bundle* 526, *No.* 159.

George Jesson was, of course, his brother-in-law, husband of his sister Mary Ford (see *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, Tabular Pedigree XXIX.).

The next five suits all relate to Henry Ford, of Clifford's Inn, attorney, the great-uncle of Dr. Johnson :—

23 May 1683. Complaint by Henry Ford, of Clifford's Inn, London, gent., that Joan Botecourt, in 12 Edw. III. [*circa* 1338] was seized in fee of the manor of Handsworth, co. Staff., and a messuage and lands called Boycehall in said manor, and she, by deed made that year, granted same to John Cookes, then of Handsworth, etc., etc., and then passed to Humphrey Wyrley. Continues *re* manor and a court held there, alleged to have been unjustly held and the presentment wrongly made against Samuel Adenbrook, who employs Henry Ford (nothing further *re* Ford). Answer 29 Oct. 1683.

Chancery Proceedings before 1714, *Collins, Bundle* 246.

19 Feb. 1683/4. Answer of William Huggeford to bill of complaint of Henry Ford, gent. (there is no bill of complaint). He denies that complainant was ever employed by him to prosecute or defend any suit in any court, and also denies that complainant ever demanded any debt of him, although it is true that some time since complainant sent to defendant, enclosed in a letter, a bill of £17, which this defendant sent to the other defendant, George Scot, his uncle, as this defendant was not concerned therein, but he believes the charges demanded were for impleading one Humphrey Jones, a debtor to this defendant's late father in £5. He has heard complainant say he would make Jones pay, but as he, defendant, is neither exor. nor admor. to William Huggeford, his father, nor Elizabeth Huggeford, his mother, nor ever employed complainant, he wonders anything should be demanded of him.

19 Feb. 1683/4. Answer of George Scott, saying that Humphrey Jones, of Birmingham, co. Staff. (*sic*), was indebted to William Huggeford, late of London, haberdasher, decd., in £5. William Huggeford made his will in 1664, making his wife Elizabeth his extrix., who, after proving the will, died in Oct. 1666, having made her will appointing John Scott, defendant's brother, exor., who proved the will. The said £5 being due to him, John Scott gave a general

* See abstract of this will, *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 197.

letter of attorney to defendant and Richard Scott jointly, to recover Huggeford's debts, and defendant desired Mr. Abraham Jesson * to receive the same, and he employed Stephen Newton, of Birmingham, who had a bond of said Jones. Humphrey Jones, being impleaded in Easter and Trinity Terms 1676, exhibited his bill of complaint against John Scott, George Scott and Jesson, but did not proceed therewith. He denies ever employing defendant, although meeting him he might ask how Jones's suit was progressing.

ibid., Hamilton, Bundle 591, *No.* 9.

28 Nov. 1685. Complaint by Henry Ford, of Clifford's Inn, London, gent., that for about 12 years next before the death of Broome Whorwood,† late of Holton, co. Oxford, esq. (who died 1½ years since), complainant was employed by him to collect his rents of divers lands and tenements in co. Stafford, and various moneys, etc., and being in want of money and having £100 due to him from John Willes,‡ of Trinity College, Oxford, now D.D., on 25 Mch. 1684 complainant arranged with said Whorwood that he might take, in Feb. 1683/4, £100 out of said rents, to be paid back to Whorwood by the money in Willes's hands, and gave Willes a note to that effect. Whorwood made his will, making his son-in-law, Edward Master,§ of Doctors' Commons, Dr. of Laws, and Katherine Allen ¶ exors., and died shortly after, before complainant received the £100 out of the rents. But now Edward Master, Katherine Allen and John Willes, combining together, refuse to give up the note, and John Willes says he cannot pay him the £100 he has in his hands, and therefore complainant seeks redress.

10 Dec. 1685. Answer of Edward Master, Dr. of Laws, saying Brome Whorwood died in Apl. 1684, and he believes, if any money were due to Henry Ford, the latter would have paid himself out of the rents, and he knows nothing of any note or £100 in Willes's hands.

Oxford 19 Jan., 1 James II. (1685/6). Answer of Katherine Allen, saying she was present when Brome Whorwood gave Henry Ford permission to take £100 out of the rents, to be repaid by £100 in Willes's hands, and says she has the note written by Ford to Willes in her custody, but refuses to give it him without consent of Dr. Master, but is willing to produce it in court, and has heard Dr. Willes say he has £100 of complainant's in his hands.

ibid., Hamilton, Bundle 118, *No.* 36.

— May 1686. Complaint by Henry Ford, of Clifford's Inn, London, gent., that whereas complainant is an attorney-at-law in the Court of Common Pleas,

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* This Abraham Jesson was not one of the family of George Jesson and Mary Ford (see *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, Tabular Pedigree XXIX).

† See *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 132.

‡ See *ibid.*, p. 129.

§ See *ibid.*, p. 132.

¶ His servant ; see *ibid., loc. cit.*

and was retained by one Abraham Jesson, of St. Botolph's, Aldgate, London, ironmonger, by the order of George Scott, of same place, grocer, they promising to make just payment for same to sue and prosecute one Humfry Joanes, late of Birmingham, co. Warwick, upon a bond taken in name of Stephen Newton, of Birmingham (continues *re* money owing to him, but nothing *re* Ford), and desires George Scott may be summoned to appear to answer the premises.
ibid., Reynardson, Bundle 425, *No.* 70.

25 May 1691. Complaint by Henry Ford, of Clifford's Inn, London, gent., attorney and solicitor in all the courts at Westminster, that the persons hereafter mentioned being presented in the Pipe Office for inclosing several parts of the Commons in Kings Norton, co. Worc., they employed complainant to defend them, promising to pay him all such money as he disbursed in same, and, as his occasions constrained him to abide more in London and Oxford than at home, they could not discourse with him as often as they wanted to, and therefore transferred the cause to Mr. Palmer, and now deny they employed complainant. He desired writs of subpoena should be directed to George Midlemore, Robert Yates, Cornelius Ford,* William Freeth, Thomas Homes, William Greves, Thomas Fitter, William Lindon, Henry Etherington, John Badger, John Badger (*sic*), John Harper and Thomas Cottrell to appear and answer same.

13 June, 3 William and Mary (1691). Answer by John Badger, denying he or the others ever commissioned complainant as alleged, but employed Mr. George Palmer in said case.
ibid., Mitford, Bundle 540, *No.* 57.

These suits increase our knowledge of Henry Ford in several particulars. We learn that he had acted as agent for Brome Whorwood's Staffordshire estates since about 1672; and find him described in 1686 as "an attorney-at-law in the Court of Common Pleas," and in 1691 as "attorney and solicitor in all the Courts at Westminster." More interesting, we have it stated on 25 May, 1691, that "his occasions constrained him to abide more in London and Oxford than at home." "Home" was "The Manwoods," at Handsworth; and "Oxford" represented Holton, where the Whorwoods had an estate. See my use of this new evidence in a condensed account of Henry Ford, *ante*, III., 32–4. At that reference I pointed out that our knowledge of his career ended with this last suit, but that he was probably dead in 1697. As a matter of fact, he died some three months after the answer to the suit, for the Rev. F. A. Homer has found the burial of "Mr. Henry

* Complainant's brother, the grandfather of Dr. Johnson.

Ford" at Handsworth on 28 Sept. 1691. It is very satisfactory to have "run him to earth."

The last suit I have relates to Johnson's uncle, Samuel Ford, and his wife, Jane Chambers (see *post*, p. 89) :—

12 Feb. 1707/8. Complaint of Samuel Ford, of Packwood, co. War., gent., and Jane his wife, that William Knight, of par. of Stoke Prior, co. Worc., gent., was seized of fee, or inheritance, or term of years, according to the custom of manor of Stoke Prior, of and in 4 closes of land commonly called Occalls, containing about 6 acres, adjoining land late Thomas Baylis's, land of John Dipple, land late of William Porter, and a lane leading from Finstall Heath to Bromsgrove, and another piece of land called Hawcroft, containing about 3 acres, adjoining land now or late in possession of Thomas Hughes, the orchard and close of Richard Laugher, and a lane leading from Stoke Cross to Finstall Heath, all in Aston End, in par. of Stoke Prior, and now or late in possession of said William Knight; and so being seized, desirous of raising money, at a Court Baron for the Manor of Stoke Prior, there held of the Dean and Chapter of Worcester Cathedral, 13 May, 12 William III. (1700), he was granted a licence to demise said premises for 99 years. Being in need of money, he borrowed of Jane Chambers, complainant's now wife, £80, and by indenture dated 27 Sept., 13 William III. (1701), made between him, said William Knight, gent., of one part, and Jane Chambers, of Moseley, par. of Kings Norton, co. Worc., spinster, of other part, did on payment of said £80, demise, grant and to farm let to said Jane Chambers all aforesaid premises from 29 Sept. then next following, for 3 years, and after that for another 3 years, and so on until end of 96 years, at peppercorn rent, with proviso that if William Knight paid her £80 on 29 Sept. 1704, and £4 a year, said demise should then be void. No money having been paid, possession of the lands has now become absolute, notwithstanding which said William Knight disputes the claim of Jane and her husband, who desire he may be called upon to appear to answer the premises.

Chancery Proceedings before 1714, *Hamilton, Bundle* 638, *No.* 20.

The publication of Venn's monumental *Alumni Cantabrigienses* has revived the interesting problem as to where Dr. Joseph Ford, the most successful of Johnson's uncles, was educated (see *ante*, III., 140). For there I find two entries :—

FORD, CORNELIUS, Adm. pens. at Queens', June 6, 1679. Of Worcestershire (see JOSEPH FOORD).

FOORD, JOSEPH, Matric. pens. from Queens', Michs. 1679 (see CORNELIUS).

The reason for these cross references is not obvious to anyone consulting the work, but on writing to Dr. Venn I found that he had

been puzzled by the entries, Cornelius Ford being *admitted* at Queens in June 1679 but not matriculated, and Joseph being *matriculated* there in Michaelmas of the same year with no record of his having been admitted. He thought it probable that the name was wrongly given in one case or the other, and that the two individuals were really one. I feel pretty sure that Dr. Venn was right, and that the individual was Johnson's uncle, Joseph Ford. For Joseph Ford was born at Kings Norton, *in Worcestershire*, early in 1662 (which would make him seventeen in 1679), son of *Cornelius* Ford. It seems quite possible that, through some misunderstanding, his father's name might be entered instead of his own on admission (when the father's name was ordinarily asked for); whereas it is unlikely that such a mistake would occur at the later ceremony of matriculation, when the question of parentage would not arise. So I think we can claim another tie for Johnson with Cambridge. My very extensive researches into the history of the Fords, particularly in the Midland area, provide me with no other clue in explanation of these two entries relating to Queens' College. *Cornelius* Ford is in itself such a very distinctive name, and when definitely attributed to Worcestershire it becomes far more so. Joseph Ford had a brother Cornelius (presently to be referred to) who, however, cannot have been more than about five in 1679. Joseph's own son Cornelius, the celebrated "Parson" Ford, came up to Cambridge in 1710, but to St. John's (*ante*, III., 144).

It remains now to discover where Joseph Ford took his degree of M.D.

To *The Times Literary Supplement* for 22 Sept., 1921, Mr. William T. Whitley addressed a letter asking whether I knew anything of Johnson's cousin, Phœbe Ford, who acted as housekeeper to Edward Gibbon, the historian, and quoting some extracts from a letter of hers to the Doctor, dated 17 May 1780, as advertized in a sale catalogue of 1831. In the succeeding issue of 29 Sept. I gave some account of Phœbe, mentioning that the letter in question had found a good home in the Salt Library at Stafford. Mr. H. M. Beatty followed on 6 Oct. with some interesting particulars of Phœbe's relations with Gibbon. I will now give all that we know of her in more detail.

Phœbe was the youngest of the three daughters of Johnson's uncle, Cornelius Ford. Of this uncle we know extremely little, not even

where he lived or when his children were born, though Mrs. Piozzi tells us of his prowess at long-jumping (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 156). The eldest daughter, Sarah, was probably the "Sally" Ford who kept house for her uncle, John Harrison, and whose sweet temper won such a high tribute from Johnson (*ibid.*, p. 157; and *ante*, III., 107, 114).

If Phœbe Ford, as her letter says, was between 60 and 70 in 1780, she must have been born between 1710 and 1720. Her father was probably an unsuccessful or unlucky man, for her uncle, Dr. Joseph Ford of Stourbridge, by his will made on 10 Feb. 1720/1, ordered his daughter Ann Ford to pay to his niece Phœbe Ford, daughter of his brother Cornelius, the sum of £4 yearly for her maintenance and education, until she attained the age of seventeen. He similarly ordered his daughter Phœbe Ford to pay her £2 yearly, under like conditions, as well as leaving her a sum of £20 to be paid at her age of 21, she meanwhile to be paid the interest thereon, and the legacy to go to her father if she died during minority. And, finally, he disposed of the care and guardianship of his said niece, Phœbe Ford, unto his brother, Nathaniel Ford, her own father being presumably unable to support her (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 192). His widow, Jane Ford, by her will dated 11 Sept. 1722, left to her niece, Phœbe Ford, £2 to be laid out in clothes at her death, as her daughter Ann should think fit (*ibid.*, p. 193). When Dr. Joseph Ford's own daughter Phœbe, who died unmarried in Sept. 1766, made her will on 23 June 1762, she left £20 to her cousin Phœbe Ford, daughter of her uncle, Cornelius Ford (*ibid.*, p. 196).

I will now give a copy of the letter, kindly made for me by Miss H. L. E. Garbett, the Librarian of the Salt Library. It is among the Salt MSS., Case 208 :—

Bentinck Street may ye 17—1780.

SIR

I ask pardon for the libberty I have taken in writeing to you, but haveing the Honowr of being related to you, as I am the only Survivor of your Unckle Corneliuses Chilldern, and haveing no friend to make my Complaints to has bin the only indusement of giveing you this trubble, as for Mr. Ford the Clergyman I cant tell wheather he is Dead or liveing, as I have not heard of him these manny years.

I live at present Howsekeeper with Mr. Gibbon auther of the Roman

Hisstorry, and with his Mother in law before she Marryed and in this Fammely this Eight and Thirty years, after the Late Mr. Gibbons Death My Masster took a Howse in Bentinck Street, Cavindish Square . . . me his Servant whear I have livd this sevin years, & might have bin verrey comfortable & happy but realy I have bin quite the revers owing to My Masters Servant, who was a poor Laburers son & made Footman to my Late Masster & after his Death my present Masster took him & put him out of Livery and a great Gentleman he is, I have more difficulty to please him than his sewperior, he treats me verrey Ill and frequently Insults me before the other servants wich makes them not treat me with that respect that Ime intitleed to, I have always livd in an upper station and allways was treated with friendship and respect by all the servants wherever I have lived before, Ime fearfull he has not done me manney good offisses with my Master for his behaviour is verrey different to what it was formerly, he yoused to see me once a fortnight or month to see my Books and seemed verrey well satisfied with my performances but now hee frequently does not see me once in half a year nor takes no sort of notis of me which makes it verrey uncomfortable liveing, all orders are sent by Mr. Caplyn and they are delivered to me in a verey Lordly overbearing Manner I have had thoughts of leaveing My Masster but was fearfull few would be willing to take a Servant be tween Sixty & 70 & was fearfull of puting myself out of Bred. I believe Mr. Caplin would be glad to get me out for I have great reason to think from his behaviour that hee has an other in his view that he would get in my room. Ime fearfull he will soon have his desier. I thank the Allmighty he has allways Blessed me with a strong Constitewtion till within this half year, I have had a Weakness in my joints seemingly as if the sinnews whear relakssed when I have walked a streets lenth ["my streets length" crossed out] my strenth seems allmost gon & I am greatly Fateagueed & allmost reddy to faint, I beleive disstress of mind & lowness of Spirrits has helped to make me wors, if this should continew I must be obleeged to leave servis as I shall not be capable of performing as I ought, & then I cant tell What I shall doo as I have saved but little as I had but low wages & that I put out to too Gentlemen for an Annewity one of them went to Anntegoe some years agoe & Ime informed he is Dead, if soo the Monney is all sunk, I have had no Authentick a count of his Death as I think I ought pament has stopt for some time & his Bonds Man is gon to Amerryca. Ime fearffull I have tired your patience & humbly ask pardon and am Good Sir,

Your humble Servant,

PHEBE FORD.

[*addressed*]

Docter Johnson,

Johnsons Court, Fleet Street.

This is a very human and pathetic document, though things do not seem to have been quite as bad as poor Phœbe, in her distress at being treated with so little respect by Mr. Caplin, the valet, averred. To extract the facts, we learn that she had been in the service of Gibbon's "mother-

in-law" since about 1742, when she would be probably about thirty, as when a woman puts herself down as "between sixty and seventy" we may safely conclude that the truth lies near the higher figure. The "mother-in-law" would, of course, be Gibbon's stepmother, second wife of Edward Gibbon the elder, who, about three years before his son's return from Switzerland in 1758, "had engaged in a second marriage with Mrs. Dorothea Patton, a lady of forty years of age, of a respectable family and a moderate fortune." Unfortunately, nothing seems to be known of Miss Patton's parentage, or I might have sought earlier record of Phœbe Ford in the family wills. The elder Gibbon died in 1770,* and his son in 1772 settled at 7 Bentinck Street, Cavendish Square, where, as the letter informs us, Phœbe accompanied him. The promotion of Caplin to a position in which he was able to control the other servants quite upset the old lady's equanimity, but, as both appear to have retained their master's full respect and confidence, we may, perhaps, discount some of her complaints. Who the two gentlemen were to whom she had entrusted her modest savings with such disastrous results I cannot say, or whether they returned from Antigua and America respectively.

"Mr. Ford, the clergyman," from whom she had not heard "these many years," so that she could not tell whether he was dead or alive, I conclude was the Rev. Samuel Ford [1717–93], then Rector of Brampton Abbotts, in Herefordshire (see *ante*, III., 44–6, and *post*, p. 89). It can scarcely have been her other and more celebrated parson cousin, Cornelius Ford [1694–1731], who had been dead close on half-a-century.

Mr. Beatty tells us that Phœbe is twice mentioned in Gibbon's letters. To John Baker Holroyd, afterwards Earl of Sheffield, on 7 Aug. 1773, he regrets that he will not be at Bentinck Street to welcome him, though "Mrs. Ford and the Parrot will be proud to receive you and My Lady." And on 2 Nov. 1781, in a letter which

* Admon. of Edward Gibbon, esq., of Beriton, Hants., was granted 3 Dec. 1770, in P.C.C., to Edward Gibbon, esq., the son, Dorothea, the widow, renouncing. I had hoped he might have left a will and mentioned Phœbe Ford.

is of especial interest as it is eighteen months later than Phœbe's, he thus discourses to his stepmother :—

> You are perhaps already informed that a grand officer of my household (Mrs. Ford) at length retires on a pension, her wages for her life, with which she seems well contented, though I am ignorant of her plans. Mrs. Porten [his aunt Kitty] opened the business to her, but I have not yet sustained the last tender interview, which I really dislike very much. Caplin assumes with pleasure the office of prime minister, and we hope that some lessons at White's will turn the housemaid into a good cook for private ordinary days.

There is nothing here to support Phœbe's charge of coldness of demeanour against her master, who evidently looked upon her as the "prime minister" of his household until her retirement. And Mr. Beatty adds that, by his first will of July, 1788, Gibbon left £300 to Caplin, and thus provided for Dr. Johnson's cousin :—

> I give to Phœbe Ford, who formerly lived with me in the capacity of a housekeeper, an annuity of twenty-five pounds for her life.

But by his later will of 1 Oct. 1791 he changed these bequests to £20 a year for life for each of them. Mr. Beatty rightly says that no charge of niggardliness can be made against Gibbon in this connexion, and, taking everything into consideration, Phœbe had no cause to complain of having "had but low wages." *

In spite of her "grogginess" in 1780, she had a tenacious hold on life. Gibbon himself died at the beginning of 1794, but the will of Phœbe Ford, of No. 1, Little Sutton Street, Clerkenwell, spinster, was not dated till 10 Aug. 1795, and not proved till 11 Nov. 1797 (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 156). It is probable, therefore, that she lived to the age of 85 or thereabouts. She mentions an annuity of £12-12-0 to which she was entitled during the lifetime of the Rev. Francis Tutté [1730 ?-1824], then Rector of Sheering, Essex (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*). This annuity was apparently five years in arrears: if it was the one she had purchased with her savings, she must have received it again after her complaint of 1780.

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* Miss Garbett tells me that among the papers (now in the Salt Library) of Richard Whitworth, of Bathacre Grange, Salop, some time M.P. for Stafford, is a notebook which tells us that Mary Bradshaw, who had been his housekeeper for fifteen years at a wage of £12 a year, married on 1 Jan. 1787.

There never seems to have been much cordiality between Johnson and Gibbon. We learn from Phœbe's letter that Johnson, after 1780 at least, knew of her service with Gibbon ; and we can scarcely doubt that Gibbon, during her long service in his family, had been made acquainted with his housekeeper's close relationship to the lexicographer. It is possible that this knowledge may have helped to prevent an easy intercourse between the two distinguished men.

In my *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 157–8, I gave an account of Humphrey Heely, who married "a daughter of Johnson's mother's brother" for his first wife, but confessed complete inability to define her identity more precisely. In Mr. James Tregaskis's "845th Caxton Head Catalogue" of MSS., etc., issued in 1921, item 265 was "a letter of great importance," written by Johnson, from London, on 7 June 1768, to an unnamed correspondent, this extract being quoted :—

> Mr. Heely, whom you may perhaps remember to have married a cousin Betty Ford of mine, is come up to town from Scotland very poor, his wife, my cousin died on the road, and I procured him money to bury her.

This letter had evidently come from the collection of Dean Beeching, who had written a note pointing out its value as telling us Mrs. Heely's maiden and Christian names. But it leaves me still "guessing." She certainly was not a daughter of Johnson's uncle, Dr. Joseph Ford, whose two daughters, Ann and Phœbe, died unmarried. Nor was she a daughter of his uncle Cornelius Ford, whose three daughters were Sarah, Ann, and the Phœbe we have just been reading about as Gibbon's housekeeper. I have no record of his uncle Nathaniel having had a daughter, though we know of five sons ; and no record of his uncle Samuel having any daughter, except a Jane born in 1708 (see *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, Tabular Pedigree XXIX). But if "Betty" really stands for Elizabeth, as it is natural to assume, she must have been daughter either to Samuel or Nathaniel Ford.

In Johnson's *Prayers and Meditations*, ed. George Strahan, D.D., 5th ed. 1817, I find on p. vii. of the preface the following footnote :—

> The profits of the First Edition were accordingly paid to Dr. Bray's associates ; and those of the second have been distributed among Dr. Johnson's poor rela-

tions and connections, all of whom are since dead, except Humphrey Hely, who married —— Ford, sister to the Rev. Cornelius Ford, and first cousin to our Author. This poor man, who has seen better days, is now a tenant of Whicher's Alms-houses, Chapel-street, Westminster. [It is now, April 1817, about twenty years since he died in these Alms-houses, and was buried in the adjoining burial-ground belonging to St. Margaret's Chapel.]

As already stated, Mrs. Heely was not a sister of the Rev. Cornelius Ford, who was a son of Dr. Joseph Ford.

In my account of Johnson's uncle, John Harrison, the Lichfield saddler, I have alluded to the wonderful pedigree drawn up by General Plantagenet-Harrison, which makes his bibulous ancestor the son of the Rev. John Harrison, D.C.L., Prebendary of Chichester (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 177; and *ante*, III., 107). I expressed some scepticism as to this particular affiliation, and the following little will abstract not only proves it quite untrue, but brings tumbling to the ground the whole marvellous structure of descent *in the direct male line* from the early Kings of Denmark:—

SAMUEL HARRISON, of city and co. of Lichfield, chandler. Will dated 17 June 1700. To dau. Elizabeth Harrison, two lower closes of land, with barn, at Knowle, near Felmley Pitts, in my own poss., near to parcel of land called the Over piece, in poss. of son John Harrison, which lands are leased from Vicars Choral of Lichfield Cath.; also my interest in a barn and two parts of a croft in St. John's Street, Lichfield, after decease of Wm. Thacker, sen., of Lichfield, and John Thacker, of London, silk dyer; also three acres of field land in a field near Lichfield, called the Horse Slade; and also a house in Tamworth Street in said city. To son John Harrison 12^{d}. Rest of personal estate, etc., to dau. Elizabeth, and she extrix. Wits., John Beard, Robt. Deakin and Xtopher Thompson, jun. Codicil dated 9 May 1719. To three grandchildren, Cornelius Harrison, John Harrison and Phebe Harrison, children of son John Harrison, 20^{s}/– each as token of love, and nominate John Mattock, of Lichfield, sen., gent., Richard Onion, of same, baker, and Jos. Taylor, of Swinfen, wheelwright, trustees of will, to assist dau. Elizabeth Harrison. Wits., Tho. Northwood, and Xtopher Thompson, jun. Inventory dated 6 July 1723; appraisers, Richard Onyon and John Venn; total £15–13–5. Proved at Lichfield, 23 Nov. 1723, by Elizabeth Harrison, the exor.

We need not regret that Johnson's unpleasant uncle was the son of a respectable chandler rather than of a church dignitary. His father's will rather suggests that even as a son he was not very much appreciated, though his children were left tokens of love. At the

time of the Lichfield census of 1695 Samuel Harrison, who had been Sheriff of the city in 1693 (Harwood's *Lichfield*, p. 430), was living at his house in Tamworth Street :—" Samll. Harrison, 50 odd ; John Hinckes, 17, Hannah Bragg, 30, servants." His children were probably pursuing their own careers elsewhere. Samuel Harrison and Elizabeth Goodman were married 12 July 1662, at St. Mary's, Lichfield. Mary, daughter of Samuel Harrison, was bap. 28 Aug. 1663 at St. Mary's, and bur. 28 Oct. 1663 at St. Michael's. Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Harrison, was bur. 29 June 1688 at St. Chad's, where Samuel Harrison himself was bur. 23 May 1723. The baptisms of his children John and Elizabeth I have not got.

Mr. Homer sends me the following brief abstract of a deed in his collection :—

Indenture 10 Oct. 1757 between (1) Mary Harrison, of Darlington, co. Durham, widow, extrix. of will of Cornelius Harrison, late of Darlington, clerk, decd., (2) Carey Butt, of Lichfield, apothecary, and Elizabeth his wife (which said Elizabeth is heir-at-law of Catherine Denstone, late of Lichfield, widow, decd., and which said Catherine Denstone was heir at law of Thomas Martin, of Lichfield, decd.), reciting amongst other indentures one dated 15 May 1677, between Thomas Quinton, of Wall, and Samuel Harrison, of Lichfield, chandler, and another dated 31 May 1733 between Elizabeth Harrison, of Lichfield, spinster, extrix. of will of her late father, Samuel Harrison, and Cornelius Harrison, of Darlington, clerk.

A list of births of dissenters' children, in St. Mary's registers, has " Cornelius, son of John Harrison, born 20 Oct. 1700," which explains why the baptism of this eldest son had been searched for in vain (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 181). The younger children were all baptized at St. Mary's. So perhaps John Harrison cooled in his attitude towards nonconformity.

APPENDIX C

FRESH LIGHT ON THE HICKMAN FAMILY

(See *ante*, III., 139)

It was through investigating the Hickman pedigree that I first became a Johnsonian, and in my *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr.*

Johnson's Ancestry, in 1906, I gave a very full account of this old Stourbridge family; and the indexes to the three preceding parts of these *Gleanings* will reveal various items of information that I have collected since then. I am now able to present some fresh evidence, derived mainly from Chancery suits, and principally interesting because of the new light it throws upon the career of the most distinguished member of the family, Henry Hickman [1629–92], the controversialist, the widow of whose nephew, Gregory Hickman, married Johnson's uncle, Dr. Joseph Ford.

I will now give abstracts of these Chancery suits, in the order of their date:—

3 July 1666. Complaint by Rose Hickman, of Stourbridge, co. Worc., widow, relict and extrix. of Richard Hickman, late of same, clothier, that in his lifetime, having need of money, said Richard borrowed of Henry Hickman, late citizen and salter of London, decd., bror. of said Richard, £600, and became bound in £1200 to repay same. By his will he bequeathed to complainant the messuage where Mary Henzell, widow, dwelt in Stourbridge, par. of Old Swinford, between the high street, the land of Henry Eccleshall, the land of Richard Cox, and of the heirs of Richard Foley, gent., and another messuage of Henry Eccleshall, and a croft in a field called Yearne Barrow Hillfield or Catherwell Field, and two cottages thereunto adjoining, and seven other cottages in Stourbridge, to her and her heirs for ever. She proved the will, and entered into the same, when said Henry Hickman, conceiving Richard's personal estate ("as he had good cause") to be insufficient to satisfy his debts, and knowing Richard had been very instrumental in his advancement, and having no issue, but seeming to bear a kind affection to Richard's children, arranged with complainant that in lieu of payment of the debt, she should convey said premises to him for life, with remainder to such son as he should appoint, except the messuage, croft and close, which should be conveyed to said Henry for life, with contingent remainders to complainant, her son Edward Hickman, and the cottages to the use of her sons Henry and John Hickman. By deeds dated Apl. 1658, the complainant conveyed the premises to Richard Hickman, eldest son of said decd. Richard, and to Benjamin Newbrough, of Stourbridge, yeoman, and Henry Hickman delivered up bond to said John Hickman, who at that time dwelt with said Henry in London as his servant, to be cancelled, and said Henry held said premises until his death in January last past. Now Alice Hickman, widow, relict of said Henry, having by some indirect means obtained the bond (which seems not to have been cancelled) out of the desk of said John Hickman, on the pretence her husband died intestate, has taken out letters of admon. and put the bond in suit against complainant, notwithstanding said agreement, and has got possession of all deeds, etc. She desires Alice may be summoned to answer the premises.

17 July 1666. Answer of Alice Hickman, widow. She says she has seen the will

of Richard Hickman, made 30 Dec. 1654, devising to complainant all the said premises, and she has the two conveyances in her possession, but believes the same were made to protect premises from said Richard's debtors, and not to satisfy the debt owing to Henry, which was much greater than could be covered by the premises. She has not the bond mentioned, but believes the money to be still due, and has not and never had intention to put the bond in execution against complainant.

Chancery Proceedings, Bridges, Bundle 366, *No.* 55.

9 Nov. 1666. Complaint by Alice Hickman, of London, widow, relict and admintrix. of Henry Hickman, late citizen and salter of London, decd., that at her marriage 20 years ago she brought with her £2000, and said Henry, having then a very small estate, was much advanced by her money, so that at his decease in Jan. last (notwithstanding the expenses of his family and the charges for educating his nephews, Henry and John Hickman, the former at the University, the latter as salter) he was possessed of £8000 and more, and she has discovered that £4000 is in hands of said John, £800 in hands of Rose Hickman, widow (mother of said Henry and John), £600 in hands of Benjamin Newbrough (husband of a sister of said Henry Hickman the nephew), £500 in hands of Alice Dawes (another sister of Henry), all which sums, having remained in their hands for divers years, the said persons intend to appropriate ; the said decd. for some years before his death having been much decayed and weakened in understanding, and his said relatives taking advantage of it. She is afraid, as they pretend to be insolvent, she cannot recover same, and all she has so far discovered her husband to have died possessed of is £1500 at most, a considerable part whereof she is deprived of by the late dreadful fire, and she fears to be reduced to great want in her old age, and now said Henry prosecutes her at the common law upon a bond of £2000, dated 24 June 1665 (six months before her husband's decease), which he must have obtained by undue means when she and her husband's other attendants were out of the way. She therefore desires said Henry Hickman may be summoned to appear to answer the premises.

14 Nov. 1666. Answer of Henry Hickman. He says he does not believe complainant brought his uncle £2000 on her marriage, and before that marriage his uncle was known to be of good estate and got a good part of his money by dealing in cloth, together with Richard Hickman, decd., defendant's father, brother of intestate. It is true that about 22 years ago intestate maintained defendant for three years at the university of Cambridge, and brought up his bror. John apprentice, and knows of nothing being lent, except £250 to Benjamin Newbrough, which has since been satisfied. The intestate, having no children of his own, often promised to advance him, and on 24 June 1665, in defendant's absence and without his knowledge, did deliver the bond of £1000 for defendant to be paid in three months after his death, under a penalty of £2000 for his admors. not doing so, and a deed of gift of the same purport. The intestate was at the time of good understanding, and defendant denies using undue influence

as complainant suggested, and desires to be dismissed with his reasonable costs and charges.

Chancery Proceedings, Bridges, Bundle 424, *No.* 74.

28 June 1667. Complaint of William Knight, of St. Clement Danes, co. Middx., gent., that in Nov. 1664 one Henry Hickman, citizen and salter of London, being an intimate acquaintance of complainant and a person of good repute and fame, came to complainant and acquainted him that his near kinswoman, Alice Dawes, required £100, and all his money was out of his hand, so he could not accommodate her, and requested complainant to do so, and he said Henry Hickman, and John Hickman, citizen and salter of London, would become bound in £200 for the same. And complainant lent the money, and said Alice, Henry and John became bound by a bond dated 9 Nov. 1664. Afterwards said Henry died intestate possessing £7000, and admon. was granted to his relict, Alice Hickman, who thereby became responsible for her late husband's debts and undertakings. Making enquiries, said complainant found that Mrs. Dawes and John Hickman, owing to "some great losses" caused "by the late dredfull fire," had become insolvent and absconded, and so he civilly asked said Alice Hickman to settle same, but she, combining with Henry Hickman the younger, put as bar to paying same that said Henry had become bound to elder Henry, and in a suit against said Alice had obtained a judgment against her, and therefore she has no money to pay same. He therefore desires said Alice and Henry may be called upon to appear in this court to answer the premises.

Chancery Proceedings, Bridges, Bundle 615, *No.* 106.

16 Feb. 1667/8. Complaint of William Knight, of St. Clement Danes, co. Middx., gent., that in Nov. 1664 Henry Hickman, citizen and salter of London, prevailed on him to lend Alice Dawes £100, and said Henry and one John Hickman became bound (etc., etc., as in previous case). He desires Alice Hickman, Henry Hickman, jun., Thomas Codlington, Robert Hayes, sen., Robert Hayes, jun., Alexander Dawes, Richard Hickman, John Cooke, Thomas Howlett, James Bradnow, William Bullock, David Bouldyar, Robert Gravenor, Thomas Cox, sen. and jun., Matthew Gibson, Richard Aldridge, John Duncombe, Josiah Cooper, Giles Harris, John Tristram, Benjamin Newbrough, Margaret Duffield, and Thomas Duffield, may be summoned to answer the premises.

17 Feb. 1667/8. Answer by Alice Hickman, widow, that she knows nothing of said debt; her husband died about Christmas 1665, without making a will, and defendant was sued by complainant at common law for same. He never made enquiries about Alice Dawes or John Hickman, then dead, until after the great fire, which was a year after intestate's death. She denies any confederacy. She puts in an inventory of goods of decd., amounting to £227-8-4, and debts good and bad (among which is rent owed by those cited above as defendants) as £4777-6-4.

16 May 1668. Answer by Henry Hickman, that said Henry died possessed of a good fortune, how much he knows not, and on a suit brought by said Alice

Hickman in Easter Term, a year ago, she was ordered to pay this defendant £1000, failing which he sought to recover at common law, but after an inquest of office taken at Evesham, co. Worc., to enquire what estate came to said Alice's hands, a trial was held at the last assize at Worcester and a verdict passed for this defendant for £1808, not a penny of which she has paid, and she says she will lie in prison but not pay said debt. He denies all combinations.

3 Feb. 1667/8. Alexander Dawes believes Henry Hickman did request complainant to lend money alleged, and believes said Henry was rich at his death.
Chancery Proceedings, Bridges, Bundle 426, *No.* 35.

26 Oct. 1674. Complaint by William Strode, of Barrington, co. Som., esq., that William Strode, late of Barrington, esq., decd., his father, made his will dated 10 June 1665, appointing complainant sole exor., and died in Dec. 1666, after a tedious illness. Complainant proved said will, thereby becoming entitled to the books, court rolls and personal estate of his father. But John Strode and Joanna Strode, now wife of Henry Hickman, brother and sister of complainant, and said Hickman, who was in his father's house as tutor to one of his sons at £10 a year and his diet, were there at time of said father's death and carried away the following goods, 60 pieces of gold and 40 more pieces, about £115, which they lodged with Mr. Budd at Barrington, a silver bullet, a gold bullet (worth about £20), 10 trunks, divers books of account, court rolls, etc., and a scarlet coat and silk scarf, of all of which complainant was defrauded. Without his knowledge Hickman, knowing the large fortune left her by her father, by clandestine means married Joanna. Desires John Strode, and Henry and Joanna Hickman, may be summoned to appear to answer the premises.

No date. Joint answer of Henry and Joanna Hickman that said bill of complaint is in the nature of an indictment of felony at the common law, which matters if true are against the penal laws of the realm, and if they answered them they are advised they might subject themselves to penalties provided by such laws, and the bill being a fictitious libel ought to receive no countenance from this court, and therefore they beg to be recompensed with good costs, said bill being a mere malicious, impertinent, scandalous libel.
Chancery Proceedings, Reynardson, Bundle 96, *No.* 81.

Mich. 1707. The answer of Sir James Montague, Knt., attorney general, to the bill of complaint of Rose Jeston, widow. He says he never knew William Hickman, named in the bill, nor can he tell what real or personal estate he left, or what will he made, if any, nor how complainant was related to him, nor when John Spilsbury, sen., died (if he be dead), nor whether he survived said William Hickman, or whether he gave or intended to give any part of his estate in charity.
Chancery Proceedings, Reynardson, Bundle 205, *No.* 24.

25 Oct. 1707. Complaint by Gregory Hickman, of Stourbridge, co. Worc., clothier, an infant under age, by Joseph Ford, of Stourbridge, his next friend,

that William Hickman, late of Birmingham, co. War., gent., decd., complainant's cousin, held estate in manors and lands in cos. Worc., War., and Staff., and also in Province of Holland, which ought by right to descend to complainant. The said William died in June 1705, without issue or bror. or sister, and same ought to come to complainant, being eldest son and heir of Gregory Hickman, late of Stourbridge, clothier, decd., son and heir of Richard Hickman, clothier, decd., eldest bror. of Henry Hickman, father of said William, but one Richard Hickman, son and exor. of Richard Hickman, late of Stourbridge, clothier, decd., confederating with John Spilsbury, of Kidderminster, son and heir of John Spilsbury, the elder, late of Bromsgrove, co. Worc., gent., decd., John Godley, of Walsall, co. Staff., gent., Thomas Dalton, the elder, of London, apothecary, Edward Dyson, of Stourbridge, gent., and others, have entered into the premises and still hold them and pretend that said William made a will in March 1692 giving his estate to said Spilsbury and making Richard Hickman, father of said Richard, his exor., and that said William, about 18 Apl. 1693, wrote to John Spilsbury, the father, then living, giving him residue of estate to be employed for some charity beyond sea, or some Popish or other superstitious use. The said William also bought lands in Cradley or Kingswinford, and Birmingham, and Aston by Birmingham, but defendants refuse to discover same, and complainant applied to Sir Simon Harcourt, Knt., attorney general, and obtained leave of him to bring his suit against him and the other defendants, so that he may discover of what real estate said William died possessed.

22 Apl. 1708. Answer of John Spilsbury, gent., that said William Hickman made his will 18 Mch. 1692/3, bequeathing residue of his estate to John Spilsbury, the elder, of Bromsgrove, co. Worc., and made Richard Hickman his exor., and after made a codicil to his will in form of letter to said John telling him he wished the residue disposed as follows:—£50 to said John, 200 guilders to Dutch poor of Leyden, 300 guilders to poor of English church there, and legacies to individuals in Leyden. The said William died without revoking his will or codicil, which were proved in P.C.C. Richard Hickman afterwards died, making Richard Hickman, defendant, his exor. John Spilsbury, defendant's father, died in June 1692, and made a will making defendant, his only son and heir-at-law, his exor.

22 Apl. 1708. Answer of Richard Hickman, as above.

21 Apl. 1710. Answer of John Godley, that as far as he knows said William Hickman was seized in fee tail of one house and mill in co. Worc. only, and that he bought those after 18 Apl. 1693. He knows nothing of any other property, but has heard he was possessed of three houses in Leyden, Holland, which came to him from his father, and believes said William made will as described, which was proved in P.C.C.

Chancery Proceedings, Reynardson, Bundle 327, *No.* 54.

27 Nov. 1710. Complaint by Edward Henzey, of Stourbridge, co. Worc., broad-glass-maker, and Thomas Corfield, of Lea Forge, co. Chester, ironmonger,

exors. of will of Rose Jeston, late of Stourbridge, widow, who, in Mich. Term 1707, exhibited bill of complaint against attorney-general, Richard and Gregory Hickman, and Essex Strode, setting forth that William Hickman, of Birmingham, co. War., decd., left property in England and Leyden of great value, and that being about to go abroad he made his will about 10 Mch. 1692/3, bequeathing legacies to relatives, that is, to Rose Read and Anne Brett, daus. of his uncle, Richard Hickman, £50 each, to his aunt Margaret Tristram, £275, to his cousin Rebecca Bassett, dau. of his aunt Dawes, £400, and to John Spilsbury, the elder, of Bromsgrove, co. Worc., the residue of his estate. He went abroad and returned in three months, and lived till June 1705, and then died, and Richard Hickman his exor. proved his will and possessed himself of his personal estate to the value of £10,000, and all the abovesaid legatees died before said William, and therefore his estate ought to descend to Rose Jeston his aunt, as next of kin, as if he had died intestate, and said Richard Hickman also died and left as exor. of his will, his son Richard Hickman, who combined with Gregory Hickman, grandson and heir of Rose Jeston's eldest bror., Richard Hickman, and Essex Strode, a remote relation on the mother's side [*i.e.*, " uncle " !] of said William Hickman. Richard Hickman died, appointing Dorothy his wife his extrix., and she proved his will. Essex Strode is also dead. Rose Jeston made her will 25 Aug. 1705. The said Dorothy Hickman and Gregory Hickman set forth that her late husband's estate was very small, and insufficient to answer what he was chargeable for estate of said William. Therefore they desire that writs of subpoena may be directed to said Dorothy and Gregory Hickman, and the attorney general, to appear to answer the premises.

Chancery Proceedings, Reynardson, Bundle 473, *No.* 153.

These Chancery suits must be studied in conjunction with the elaborate pedigree (XXVII.) of Hickman of Stourbridge in *The Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, and with the collection of evidences there given (pp. 103–20), which includes the fullest printed account of the Rev. Henry Hickman. We need not enter into the various money squabbles that led to the suits, and *ex parte* statements must always be viewed with a liberal amount of caution. But certain facts emerge that can hardly be questioned, and that add a good deal to our knowledge of the family history.

In the first place we learn that Henry Hickman, in the second generation of my pedigree, in which only his existence is indicated, went to London and established himself there in business as a salter. He is said also to have kept up an interest in the clothier's business carried on by his family at Stourbridge, dealing in cloths in conjunction with his brother Richard. To what extent he prospered was

a matter of dispute, but admittedly it was sufficient to enable him to maintain his nephew Henry Hickman for three years at the University of Cambridge, and to give a helping hand to that nephew's brother John, by bringing him to London and educating him to his own business of a salter. His brother Richard appears not to have been so prosperous, but with at least eight surviving children it is not surprising if he allowed two of his sons to become the care of their childless uncle in London. The elder Henry married a wife Alice, about the year 1646, when he would be a middle-aged man; and according to her own account she brought him a decent fortune. He died in January 1665/6, leaving his widow* to wrangle with his relatives about his money affairs.

It is interesting thus to learn how Henry Hickman, the nephew, came to be prepared for an academic career of distinction. It is more interesting to be told how it was that he won a wife so well-born, and so well-dowered, as the daughter of William Strode of Barrington, member for Ilchester in the Long Parliament, and niece of Sir George Strode, the Royalist. If her brother William Strode's charges were "a mere malicious, impertinent, scandalous libel," there is at least no reason to doubt his statement that Henry Hickman entered their Somersetshire home as tutor to one of the sons, "at £10 a year and his diet," and that it was in this capacity that he was able to court Miss Joanna.

There is much more of interest in these suits, but I must leave them to speak for themselves. As regards John Hickman (bap. 6 Jan. 1630/1 at Oldswinford), who was apprenticed to his uncle Henry in London, and lived in his house, I can present another item, from F. Marcham's *List of Surrey Deeds*, Part 3, p. 59, item 1094:—

Lease, 20 June 1664. John Hickman, cit. and salter of London, and Dorothy his wife (widow of Gabriel Tomlinson, late of London, decd.); Jane Barrett, of London, widow; Alice Bradley, same; Robert Davis, cit. and haberdasher, of London, and Sarah his wife; and Edward Hurst, of Canterbury, co. Kent, and Elizabeth his wife; and Elizabeth Phillips, of St. Mary, Newington Butts.

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* Admon. of Alice Hickman, late of St. Saviour's, Southwark, co. Surrey, widow, decd., was granted 15 Mch. 1673, in P.C.C., to Martha Callerway, niece by the brother and next-of-kin. Unless there were two childless widows at this time named Alice Hickman, this would be Henry's widow.

Great mess. called the Rose, on south side of Kent Street, and 16 other mess. in same street (all tenants' names given). (Sig. cut away.)

My pedigree shows that John Hickman of Stourbridge, brother of Henry, the London salter, married Isabel Eccleshall, at Oldswinford, on 20 June 1614. The Rev. F. A. Homer tells me that she was the daughter of Thomas Eccleshall, of Stourbridge, shoemaker, and Alice his wife. Thomas Eccleshall's will, dated 1 July 1612, was proved 2 Aug. 1612, at Worcester, by Alice the relict, one of the witnesses being Richard Hickmans. Alice Eccleshall's will, dated 20 Mch. 1623, was proved 27 Apl. 1625 at Worcester: she leaves her daughter Isabell Hickmans a little garden in Stourbridge for her life, with reversion to her son-in-law Gregory Baker and Ann his wife, and 20s/- as well.

APPENDIX D

THE MARKLEW *alias* BELLISON FAMILY OF LICHFIELD

(*ante*, III., 56–9, 90)

At the above references I have quoted Johnson's own statement that, a few weeks after his birth, he was "put to one Marclew, commonly called Bellison, the servant, or wife of a servant of my father, to be nursed in George Lane," where he remained ten weeks; and have explained that this foster mother of Johnson's was one Joan Winckley, in 1695, aged "20 odd," a servant in the household of William Robinson, of Market Street, whose son, Luke Robinson, became the brother-in-law of Theophilus Levett (*post*, p. 188) and father-in-law of the celebrated Matthew Boulton. Possibly Joan Winckley entered the service of Michael Johnson some time after 1695; but on 1 May 1707 she became the second wife of John Marklew, a brickmaker in Lichfield. She had two sons, of whom the

elder, John, baptized 15 Feb. 1707/8, was the foster brother of Johnson, though eighteen months his senior.

In order to establish this clearly it was necessary to go pretty fully into the family history. The following Marklew households occur in the Lichfield census of 1695 (*ante*, III., 18), but the name Bellison nowhere appears :—

Tamworth Street.

Dennis Marklew, 40 odd (42) ; Joan his wife, 30 ; Benj., 6, Geo., 2, sons ; Jane, 4, Ann, 1, Daughters. —— paupers.
James Marklew, pauper, 20 odd ; Eliz. his wife, 23 ; Eliz. y^r Daughter, 3.
Thomas Marklew, 50 ; Eliz., 20, Ann, 15, Daughters.

Green Hill.

Symon Marklew, pauper, 40 ; Emm. his wife, 36 ; John, 16, Symon, 13, Wm., 9, Thos., 6, Robt., 4, sons.
Alice Marklew, widdow, pauper, 45 ; Tho. Marklew, her son, 19 ; Alice her Daughter, 14.

Stow Street.

Richd. Marklew, 50 ; Ann his wife, 35 ; Samll., 16, Thos., 10, Wm., 6, Fowler, 3, sons ; Isabell, 25, Ann, 10, Daughters.

This last household can be dismissed, because the father's name was really Richard Markland. I have a little pedigree of the family, from his baptism at St. Chad's in 1646, son of Richard Markland, down to 1749.

The following extracts from the Lichfield registers, relating to the names of Bellison and Marklew, are carried down to 1720 only. Those not used in the pedigree that follows are printed in italics. I have not thought it necessary to give the large number of entries that occur after 1720.

ST. MICHAEL'S.

1599. *Mch. 14. bur. Elizabeth, wife of Henry Bellison.*
1600/1. *Jan. 15. mar. Henry Bellison and Elizabeth Dall.*
1604/5. *Jan. 11. bap. Marie, dau. of Michael Bellison.*
1606. *Apl. 11. bur. Michael Bellison.*
1615. *Oct. 5. mar. Richard Bellison and Elline Swinfield.*
1642. *Apl. 30. bap. William, son of William Marklewe.*
1681. June 22. bur. Thomas, son of Dennis Marklew.
1681. July 3. bap. Alice, dau. of Robert and Alice Marklew.
1682. Dec. 10. bap. Emma, dau. of Symon and Emma Marcklew.

1689. Nov. 24. bap. Thomas and William, sons of Symon and Emma Marclew.
1689/90. Mch. 13. bur. Thomas Marcklew.
1690/1. Mch. 21. mar. James Marcklew and Elizabeth Hincks.
1695. June 20. bap. James, son of Simon and Emma Marklew.
1697. Sep. 12. mar. John Cheney and Elizabeth Marcklew.
1697/8. Feb. 17. bur. James, son of Symon Marklew.
1699. July 8. bur. The wife of Symon Marcklew.
1703. Sep. 1. bap. Barbara, dau. of Thomas Marcklew.
1703. Dec. ... bur. Barbery, dau. of Thomas and Ann Marcklew.
1704. *Apl. 22. bur. Joseph, son of Jane Marcklew, St. Mary's.*
1705. Apl. 15. bap. Thomas, son of Thomas Marcklew.
1705/6. Feb. 14. bur. Dennis Marklew, St. Mary's.
1706. Apl. 1. bur. Ann, wife of John Marcklew.
1706. *June 30. bur. Mary, dau. of Jone Marcklew from the workhouse.*
1706/7. Feb. 24. bap. Ann, dau. of Thomas and Ann Marcklew.
1707. *Dec. 7. bur. Richard, son of Jone Macklow, bastard.*
1707/8. Jan. 25. bap. Robert, son of Thomas Marcklew.
1709/10. Mch. 12. bap. Baley, son of Thomas and Ann Marcklew.
1711. Nov. 23. bur. Baley, son of Thomas Marklew.
1714. Nov. 25. bap. Isaac, son of Simon Marklew.
1716. *Aug. 4. bur. Robert, son of Jone Marklew, bastard.*
1716. July 18. bur. Jane, dau. of widow Marklew.
1716/17. Feb. 13. bur. John Marklew.
1717/18. Jan. 6. bur. Thomas Marklew.
1718. *Apl. 6. mar. Henry Morris and Ann Marklew.*
1719. Apl. 8. bur. Joseph, son of William Marklew.
1720. Apl. 18. mar. Dennis Marklew and Ann Osborn.
1720. *Sep. 4. bur. Robert, son of Jane Marklew, bastard.*

ST. CHAD'S.

1667. July 12. bur. John, son of Thomas Marklew.
1668. June 30. bur. Thomas Marklue, jun.
1677. Apl. 23. mar. Symon Marklew and Emma Bird.
1680. *July 19. bur. Ann Marklue.*
1685/6. Feb. 15. bur. Blanche, wife of Dennis Marklue.
1686. Mch. 31. bur. A child of Dennis Marklew.
1686. Nov. 19. bur. Thomas Marklue's wife.
1688. May 27. bap. Benedick, son of Dennis Marklue.
1690. Sep. 13. bur. Jane, dau. of Thomas Marklue.
1691. *May 3. bur. Thomas Marklue.*
1692. Sep. 13. bur. Thomas, son of Thomas Marklue.
1694/5. Feb. 12. bur. The wife of Thomas Marklue.
1695. Apl. 29. bur. A child of James Marklue.
1699/1700. Jan. 15. mar. Symon Marklue and Margery Lytton.
1703. Apl. 17. mar. John Marklue and Ann Cooper.

1703/4. *Mch.* 4. *bap. Ann, dau. of Thomas Marklue.*
1707/8. Feb. 15. bap. John, son of John Marklew.
1707/8. Mch. 12. bur. A child of James Marcklew.
1712. *Apl.* 6. *bur. Thomas Marklue.*
1712. May 25. mar. William Marklue and Elizabeth Greene.
1712. June 8. bap. Samuel, son of John Marklue.
1719/20. Jan. 31. bap. Catherine, dau. of George Marklew.

ST. MARY'S.

1647. Oct. 2. bap. John, son of Thomas Bellison.
1650. June 3. bap. Dennis, son of Thomas Bellison.
1652. Oct. 23. bap. Robert, son of Thomas Bellison.
1654/5. Mch. 17. bap. Symon, son of Thomas Bellison.
1657. Dec. 25. bap. Ann, dau. of Thomas Marklew.
1670. Aug. 6. bap. James, son of Thomas Marklew, jun.
1672/3. Jan. 17. bap. Jane, dau. of Thomas Marklew, jun.
1673. Sep. 21. mar. Dennis Marklew and Alice Evans.
1674. Apl. 5. bap. Ann, dau. of Dennis Marklew.
1675/6. Feb. 14. bap. Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Marklew.
1676. July 16. bap. Jane, dau. of Dennis Martclew.
1677. May 29. bap. Thomas, son of Robert Marklew.
1678. June 2. bap. Thomas, son of Thomas Marklew.
1680. June 28. bap. Thomas, son of Dennis Marklew.
1680. Dec. 5. bap. Ann, dau. of Thomas Marklew, jun.
1684. Oct. 4. bap. Emma, dau. of Thomas Marklew.
1684. Nov. 5. mar. Dennis Marklew and Blanche Danile.
1685/6. Feb. 14. bap. Dennis, son of Dennis Marklew.
1687. May 27. mar. Dennis Marklew and Jone Bird.
1689/90. Jan. 26. bap. Jone, dau. of Dennis Marklew.
1691/2. Jan. 19. bap. Elizabeth, dau. of James Marklew.
1692. July 17. bap. George, son of Dennis Marklew.
1694. Oct. 13. bap. Thomas, son of James Marklew.
1694/5. Feb. 24. bap. Ann, dau. of Dennis Marklew.
1696. Apl. 12. bap. James, son of James Marklew.
1697. Apl. 17. bap. Dennis, son of Dennis Marklew.
1698. Nov. 10. bap. Ann, dau. of James Marklew.
1700. Apl. 10. bap. Elizabeth, dau. of Dennis Marklew.
1700. *May* 31. *bap. Gilbert, son of Jane Marklew, illeg.*
1701. *May* 20. *bap. Thomas, son of Thomas Bellison alias Marklew.*
1703. *Apl.* 11. *bap. Joseph, son of Jane Marklew, illeg.*
1703. Aug. 1. bap. Mary, dau. of Dennis Bellison.
1703. Aug. 1. bap. Mary, dau. of John Bellison.
1703. Sep. 5. bap. Alice, dau. of James Marklew.
1705. *May* 1. *bap. Mary, dau. of Jane Bellison, illeg.*
1705. Dec. 6. bap. William, son of James Bellison.

1707. May 1. mar. John Marklew and Jone Winkley.
1707. *Dec.* 14. *bap. Richard, son of Jane Bellison, illeg.*
1707/8. Mch. 7. bap. Mary, dau. of James Marklew.
1709. May 1. bap. Sarah, dau. of James Bellison.
1712. *Sep.* 7. *bap. Robert, son of Jane Martlew, illeg.*
1717. June 23. bap. Elizabeth, dau. of James Marklew.
1718. *Aug.* 4. *bap. Robert, son of Jane Marklew, illeg.*
1719. Aug. 5. mar. John Hawkins and Elizabeth Marklew.
1719. Dec. 8. bap. Isabell, dau. of James Marklew.

The following are abstracts of all the Marklew wills and admons. at Lichfield from 1680 to 1750, except an admon. of Robert Marklew, Wolverhampton, 1743. There are no wills of Lichfield Bellisons during this period :—

ROBERT MARKLEW, of Lichfield, capper. Will dated 14 Feb. 1689/90. To son, Thomas Marklew, the house I now inhabit (except the parged chamber near the kitchen, with free liberty of ingress, etc., and also half the backside, all of which I give to wife Alice for life), at 21, and if he die without lawful issue before 21, then to dau. Alice Marklew. To said son Thomas, one acre of land in Lichfield, in a field called Borrowcopp, or similarly to dau. Alice. If both die before 21 without issue, then to children of brothers, Thomas Marklew and Simon Marklew. To said son Thomas, £35 at 21. To dau. Alice, 2 acres of land in Great Berryhill in Lichfield, and 3 acres in Redlocke field, if she die then to son Thomas, and if he die without issue, then to children of said brothers Thomas and Simon. To dau. Alice, £35 at 21. Residue, after payment of debts, to wife Alice, whom I appoint sole extrix. Overseer, brother Simon Marklew. Signed, Robert Marklew. Wits., John Marler, Sus^{h} × Marler, Isaac Hinckley. Inventory dated 26 Mch. 1690, by Edw. Harvey and John Marler ; total, £87-15-2. Proved 29 Oct. 1690, at Lichfield, by Alice Marklew, widow, sole extrix.

JOHN MARKLEW, of Lichfield, brickmaker. Will dated 16 Apl. 1716. To James Robinson, of Lichfield, mercer, mess. and that part of my garden belonging to it, situate in Sandford Street, Lichfield, now in poss. of Wm. Browne, on trust to sell same and discharge mortgage thereof made by me to Wm. Robinson, of the New Inn, London, gent., for £10, and all other sums of money due from me to said Wm. Robinson, and to pay residue of money from said sale to wife, Joane Marklew. Residue of personal estate, after payment of debts, to wife Joane Marklew, whom I appoint extrix. Signed, John Marklew. Wits., Margaret Warmsley, Theo. Levett. Proved 1 May 1717, at Lichfield, by Joan Marklew, widow and extrix.

Inventory of the Goods of John Marklew, late of the parish of St. Chad's, within the City of Lichfield, taken Aprill ye 10th 1717.

In the House 1 Grate, 2 fenders, 1 paire of Tongs, 1 shovel, 1 Jack, Frying pan, 1 paire of Bellows, 1 Hearth grate, a little Table, 6 Chairs	1—5—6
One Dresser & pewter shelves, 4 pewter Dishes, 6 Plates, 1 Pott, 1 Little Kettle, 6 Trenchers, 1 Water Pail	2—0—6
In the Parlour 1 Red Bed, Blanketts & Rugg and Curtaines, 2 Tables, 5 Chaires, 1 small Grate	2–12—6
In the first Chamber, 1 Old Hanging Press, 3 Boxes, 2 Coffers, 2 Chaires, 1 little Table	11—0
In the second Chamber, 1 bed, 3 Blanketts, 1 Quilt & Curtaines, 1 Table, 1 Chest of Drawers, 4 Chairs, 4 pair of Sheets belonging to both beds, 1 douz. of napkins, 2 Table Clothes	5—0—0
Purse and Apparell	1–10—0
Old lumber of ordinary Goods	11—0
	13–10—6

Appraisers, Tho. Marklew, James Marklew.

THOMAS MARKLEW, of Lichfield, capper. Will dated 19 Dec. 1717. To son Thomas Marklew, 5s/-. To son Robert Marklew, if wife marry again, residue of personal estate at 21, otherwise she to enjoy it for life. "If in case Robert Marklew has the Vicars Lease given him by his grandmother Marklew, then the personal Estate shall be divided betwixt them both, Thomas Marklew and Robert Marklew." Extrix., wife Ann Marklew. Wits., Tho. Deakin, Timothy Walthew and Edward Hawley. Inventory dated 20 Mch. 1718, by Henry Murrall and James Marklew; total, £19-12-1. Proved 19 July 1718, at Lichfield, by sole extrix.

ALICE MARKLEW, of Polesworth, co. War., widow. Will dated 12 May 1718. Weak and infirm of body. To grand dau. Mary Hewitt, £10 and certain furniture. To grandson, Thomas Hewitt, £5 and certain furniture. To grandson, Robert Hewitt, £5, a gold ring, etc., they being children of son-in-law, Thomas Hewitt of Polesworth. To grandsons, Thomas and Robert Marklew, sons of Thomas Marklew, of Lichfield, decd., 50s/- each at 21. Being possessed of lease of two messes. in Tamworth Street, Lichfield, for 21 years from March last, I bequeath to said son-in-law, Thomas Hewitt, 6 years of said term from day of my decease, and remainder to grandson, Robert Marklew afsd., and if he die before 21, then to his elder brother Thomas. To son-in-law, Thomas Hewitt, £10, and £5 more for trouble as sole exor. of will. Signed, Alice × Marklew. Wits., Tho. Kettell, Eliz. Boulton, Mich. Dickinson. Proved 15 June 1722, at Lichfield, by Thomas Hewitt, sole exor.

THOMAS MARKLEW,* of par. of St. Michael, Lichfield. Admon. granted 6 Feb. 1738/9, at Lichfield, to Samuel Palmer, of Lichfield, maltster, a creditor

* Thomas Marklew, bur. 24 June 1738 at St. Michael's. I cannot say which Thomas this was.

of decd. Sureties, Henry Edwards and Nathaniel Edwards, both of Lichfield, tobacconists. Penalty of bond, £30.

JOAN MARKLEW, of George Lane, par. of St. Chad, Lichfield, widow. Will dated 29 June 1746. To son, Samuel Marklew, the two houses in George Lane where I dwell, which I hold by lease of the Vicars Choral of the Cath. Church of Lichfield, and all my household goods and chattels, debts, etc. To son, John Marklew, two guineas to buy him a new suit of clothes, and my exor. to buy clothes for him yearly. To grand dau. Mary Marklew, a seven and twenty piece of gold, and my gold ring. Exor., said son Samuel Marklew. Wits., James Rowbotham and John Clifford. Proved 16 Sept. 1746, at Lichfield.

DENNIS MARKLEW, of St. Michael's, Lichfield, brickmaker. Will dated 4 Feb. 1753. Debts to be paid, etc., and residue of personal and real estate to wife for life, while my widow. To son, Dennis Marklew, the house I dwell in, and house adjoining, after wife's death. To son, John Marklew, my house in poss. of Joseph Stubbs, and a barn, after wife's death. To son, Wm. Marklew, house now in tenure of John Woodfen, and another barn, and £50, after wife's death. To dau. Ann, wife of Thomas Blackmour, house in Sandford Street, wherein she now dwells, for life, after death of wife, and then to her daus. Ann and Thamar Blackmour. Exors., brother-in-law, Edward Osborn, tailor, and wife Ann Marklew. Signed, Dennis × Marklew. Wits., Alice Woodfield, Cath. Shenston, B. Nicholson. Proved 20 Sep. 1753, at Lichfield, by Edward Osborn and Ann Marklew, the exors.

With all this evidence to guide us, we can see that, although a good many entries in the register give the family name as Bellison, and, in one solitary case, in 1701, as Bellison *alias* Marklew, the legal name, as the census returns and the wills show, was really Marklew. It is also pretty clear that all the members of the family, during the period with which I deal, were descended from Thomas Marklew, or Bellison, whose children were baptized at St. Mary's, 1647–57.

That Johnson's foster-mother was Joan, second wife of John Marklew, admits, I think, of no doubt. By way of negative evidence, we find no other member of the family with a son suitably aged to be Johnson's foster-brother. Then, we learn from her will that she lived in George Lane, and, still more clinching, that John, the son in question, was evidently defective in some way, for she enjoins her younger son Samuel to buy clothes for him yearly. We know that Johnson's foster-brother was afflicted with the same "distemper" as himself, and had bad sight, though when Johnson looked him up in George Lane in 1767 he was reading a large Bible his mother had bought him.

I have printed the inventory of John Marklew's goods in full, to

show the simple furnishings of the house in which Johnson spent ten infant weeks.

The following pedigree accounts for all the register extracts quoted, except those in italics, and all the wills and admons., except that of Thomas Marklew, 1739, in which there is nothing to show which Thomas he was. I have carried the pedigree as far as I could with any certainty, using some of the register entries after 1720 that I have not printed :—

THOMAS MARKLEW, or Bellison, of Lichfield; perhaps "Thomas Marklue, jun.," bur. 30 June 1668 at St. Chad's. "Thomas Marklue's wife" was bur. 19 Nov. 1686 at St. Chad's. Thomas Marklew had issue,

A. John Marklew, bap. 2 Oct. 1647 at St. Mary's; bur. 12 July 1667 at St. Chad's.

B. DENNIS MARKLEW, bap. 3 June 1650 at St. Mary's, of whom presently.

C. Robert Marklew, of Lichfield, capper; bap. 23 Oct. 1652 at St. Mary's; (? bur. 13 Mch. 1689/90 at St. Michael's, as "Thomas"). Will dated 14 Feb. 1689/90, proved 29 Oct. 1690 at Lichfield. Left a widow Alice, who was living a widow, and "pauper," in Green Hill, Lichfield, in 1695, aged 45; she lived latterly at Polesworth, co. War., her dau.'s home. Will dated 12 May 1718, proved 15 June 1722 at Lichfield. Robert and Alice had issue,

1. Thomas Marklew, of Lichfield, capper; bap. 29 May 1677 at St. Mary's; living with mother in 1695, aged 19; bur. 6 Jan. 1717/18 at St. Michael's. Will dated 19 Dec. 1717, proved 19 July 1718 at Lichfield. Had issue by Ann his wife, who survived him,

(a) Barbara Marklew, bap. 1 Sep. 1703 and bur. Dec. 1703 at St. Michael's.

(b) Thomas Marklew, bap. 15 Apl. 1705 at St. Michael's; under age 12 May 1718.

(c) Ann Marklew, bap. 24 Feb. 1706/7 at St. Michael's; probably dead 19 Dec. 1717.

(d) Robert Marklew, bap. 25 Jan. 1707/8 at St. Michael's; under age 12 May 1718.

(e) Bailey Marklew, bap. 12 Mch. 1709/10 and bur. 23 Nov. 1711, at St. Michael's.

1. Alice Marklew, bap. 3 July 1681 at St. Michael's; aged 14 in 1695; mar. 26 May 1706, at Curdworth, Thomas Hewitt, of Polesworth, co. War., farmer (Curdworth register), living 15 June 1722. They had issue, Mary Hewitt, Thomas Hewitt and Robert Hewitt, all living 12 May 1718.

D. Thomas Marklew, called "Thomas Marklew, jun.," 1670–80; living 1695, aged 50, in Tamworth Street, Lichfield; mar. ——, who was bur. 12 Feb. 1694/5 at St. Chad's, and had issue,

1. James Marklew, bap. 6 Aug. 1670 at St. Mary's; living a "pauper," aged "20 odd," in Tamworth Street, 1695; mar. 21 Mch. 1690/1, at St. Michael's, to Elizabeth Hincks. By her, living 1695 aged 23, and bur. 6 Apl. 1725 at St. Chad's, he had issue,

   (a) Elizabeth Marklew, bap. 19 Jan. 1691/2 at St. Mary's; living 1695, aged 3.

   (b) Thomas Marklew, bap. 13 Oct. 1694 at St. Mary's; bur. 29 Apl. 1695 at St. Chad's.

   (c) James Marklew, bap. 12 Apl. 1696 at St. Mary's; mar. Catherine ——, who was bur. 2 Aug. 1727 at St. Michael's, and had issue, Elizabeth, bap. 23 June 1717 at St. Mary's, Isabel, bap. there 8 Dec. 1719, Alice, bap. there 27 July 1722 and bur. 28 May 1731 at St. Michael's, and Mary, bap. 21 Nov. 1725 at St. Mary's.

   (d) Ann Marklew, bap. 10 Nov. 1698 at St. Mary's.

   (e) Alice Marklew, bap. 5 Sep. 1703 at St. Mary's.

   (f) William Marklew, bap. 6 Dec. 1705 at St. Mary's.

   (g) Mary Marklew, bap. 7 Mch. 1707/8 at St. Mary's; bur. 12 Mch. 1707/8 at St. Chad's.

   (h) Sarah Marklew, bap. 1 May 1709 at St. Mary's.

2. Thomas Marklew, bap. 2 June 1678 at St. Mary's; bur. 13 Sep. 1692 at St. Chad's.

1. Jane Marklew, bap. 17 Jan. 1672/3 at St. Mary's; bur. 13 Sep. 1690 at St. Chad's.

2. Elizabeth Marklew, bap. 14 Feb. 1675/6 at St. Mary's; living 1695, aged 20; mar. 12 Sep. 1697, at St. Michael's, to John Cheney.

3. Ann Marklew; bap. 5 Dec. 1680 at St. Mary's; living 1695, aged 15.

4. Emma Marklew, bap. 4 Oct. 1684 at St. Mary's.

E. Simon Marklew, bap. 17 Mch. 1654/5 at St. Mary's; living in Green Hill, a "pauper," aged 40, in 1695; mar. 23 Apl. 1677, at St. Chad's, to Emma Bird. By her, who was living 1695, aged 36, and was bur. 8 July 1699 at St. Michael's, he had issue,

a. John Marklew, of par. of St. Chad's, Lichfield, brickmaker; aged 16 in 1695; bur. 13 Feb. 1716/17 at St. Michael's. Will dated 16 Apl. 1716, proved 1 May 1717 at Lichfield. Mar. 1st, 17 Apl. 1703, at St. Chad's, Ann Cooper, who was bur. 1 Apl. 1706 at St. Michael's, having had issue Mary, bap. 1 Aug. 1703 at St. Mary's. He mar. 2nd, 1 May 1707, at St. Mary's, Joan Winckley (*Dr. Johnson's foster-mother*), who in 1695, aged "20 odd," was a servant in the house of

William Robinson, Market Street, Lichfield. Mrs. Joan Marklew, of George Lane, par. of St. Chad's, made her will on 29 June 1746, which was proved 16 Sep. 1746 at Lichfield. Bur. 5 Sep. 1746 at St. Chad's, as "Widow Marklew," she had issue,

(1) John Marklew, *foster brother of Dr. Johnson*, and afflicted with same "distemper" and bad sight; bap. 15 Feb. 1707/8 at St. Chad's; under his mother's will, of 1746, he was to have clothes bought for him yearly by his younger brother; visited in George Lane, in 1767, by Dr. Johnson; perhaps "John Marklew" bur. 16 Feb. 1771 at St. Chad's.

(2) Samuel Marklew, bap. 8 June 1712 at St. Chad's; mar. 25 Mch. 1743, at St. Chad's, to Abigail Turner, and had by her a dau. Mary Marklew, bap. 25 Aug. 1744 at St. Chad's, to whom her grandmother, in 1746, left a gold coin and ring. Samuel inherited his mother's two houses in George Lane. "The wife of Samuel Marklew" was bur. 15 Sep. 1775 at St. Chad's. "Samuel Marklew, pauper," was bur. 5 Aug. 1792 at St. Chad's, and "Mary Marklew, spinster from workhouse," on 26 Feb. 1802, who may have been the father and dau.

b. Emma Marklew, bap. 10 Dec. 1682 at St. Michael's.

c. Simon Marklew, aged 13 in 1695; mar. 15 Jan. 1699/1700, at St. Chad's, to Margery Lytton; she had Isaac Marklew, bap. 25 Nov. 1714 at St. Michael's, and was bur. 7 May 1728 at St. Michael's.

d. William Marklew, bap. 24 Nov. 1689 at St. Michael's; aged "9" in 1695; perhaps mar. Elizabeth Greene, at St. Chad's, 25 May 1712, and had son Joseph bur. 8 Apl. 1719 at St. Michael's.

e. Thomas Marklew, bap. 24 Nov. 1689 at St. Michael's; aged 6 in 1695.

f. Robert Marklew, living 1695, aged 4.

g. James Marklew, bap. 20 June 1695 and bur. 17 Feb. 1697/8 at St. Michael's.

DENNIS MARKLEW, bap. 3 June 1650 at St. Mary's, son of Thomas Marklew preceding; living a "pauper," in Tamworth Street, Lichfield, in 1695, aged "42"; bur. 14 Feb. 1705/6 at St. Michael's; mar. 1st, 21 Sep. 1673, at St. Mary's, to Alice Evans, and had issue by her,

A. Ann Marklew, bap. 5 Apl. 1674 at St. Mary's.

B. Jane Marklew, bap. 16 July 1676 at St. Mary's.

C. Thomas Marklew, bap. 28 June 1680 at St. Mary's; bur. 22 June 1681 at St. Michael's.

He mar. 2nd, 5 Nov. 1684, at St. Mary's, Blanche Daniel, who was bur. 15 Feb. 1685/6 at St. Chad's, having had issue,

D. Dennis Marklew, bap. 14 Feb. 1685/6 at St. Mary's; bur. 31 Mch. 1686 at St. Chad's.

He mar. 3rd, 27 May 1687, at St. Mary's, Joan Bird, who was 30 in 1695, and was bur. a widow, 22 Sep. 1729, at St. Michael's, having had issue,

E. Benjamin Marklew, bap. 27 May 1688 at St. Chad's, as " Benedick " ; living 1695, aged 6.

F. Joan Marklew, bap. 26 Jan. 1689/90 at St. Mary's ; living 1695, aged " 4 " ; perhaps bur. 18 July 1716 at St. Michael's.

G. George Marklew, bap. 17 July 1692 at St. Mary's ; living 1695, aged 2 ; probably mar. and had issue, Catherine Marklew, bap. 31 Jan. 1719/20, and Ann Marklew, bap. 2 May 1722, both at St. Chad's.

H. Ann Marklew, bap. 24 Feb. 1694/5 at St. Mary's ; living 1695, aged 1.

I. Dennis Marklew, of St. Michael's, Lichfield, brickmaker ; bap. 17 Apl. 1697 at St. Mary's ; bur. 24 Mch. 1753 at St. Michael's. Will dated 4 Feb. 1753, proved 20 Sep. 1753 at Lichfield. Mar. 18 Apl. 1720, at St. Michael's, to Ann Osborn (sister of Edward Osborn, tailor), who was living a widow 20 Sep. 1753, and had issue,

a. Elizabeth Marklew, bap. 10 Sep. 1721 at St. Michael's.

b. Dennis Marklew, bap. 7 Oct. 1723 at St. Michael's.

c. Dennis Marklew, bap. 17 July 1726 and bur. 9 July 1727, at St. Michael's.

d. Hannah Marklew, bur. 13 Aug. 1727 at St. Michael's.

e. Ann Marklew, living 4 Feb. 1753, as wife of Thomas Blackmour, with children Ann and Thamar.

f. Dennis Marklew, bap. 21 Feb. 1729/30 at St. Michael's ; mar. there 3 June 1750, to Elizabeth Palin, and had issue,

(a) Tamar Marklew, bap. 7 Apl. 1751 at St. Michael's.

(b) Ann Marklew, bap. 21 Jan. 1753 at St. Michael's.

(c) Dennis Marklew, bap. 7 Dec. 1754 at St. Michael's.

(d) Elizabeth Marklew, bap. 17 July 1756 at St. Michael's.

(e) John Marklew, bap. 27 Mch. 1758 at St. Michael's.

(f) Ann Marklew, bap. 15 Oct. 1759 at St. Michael's.

(g) Edward Marklew, bap. 4 Apl. 1763 at St. Michael's.

(h) John Marklew, bap. 1 Jan. 1765 at St. Michael's.

(i) Joseph Marklew, bap. 18 Apl. 1769 at St. Michael's.

g. John Marklew, bap. 26 Dec. 1732 at St. Michael's ; living 4 Feb. 1753.

h. William Marklew, bap. 25 Jan. 1735/6 at St. Michael's ; living 4 Feb. 1753.

i. Tamar Marklew, bap. 13 May 1739 at St. Michael's ; perhaps bur. there 1 May 1743, as " a child of Dennis Marklew, St. John Street."

J. Elizabeth Marklew, bap. 10 Apl. 1700 at St. Mary's; perhaps mar. 5 Aug. 1719, at St. Mary's, to John Hawkins.

K. Mary Marklew, bap. 1 Aug. 1703 at St. Mary's.

APPENDIX E

THE CHAMBERS FAMILY OF KINGS NORTON

(See *ante*, III., 42–6, 179)

At the above references, as well as in *The Reades of Blackwood Hill*, and in Part I. of this series, I have given various items of information of this old yeoman family, whose pedigree touches the pedigree of Johnson's kinsfolk at various points. I am now in a position to deal with the Chambers family in detail, from the time when it becomes of interest to us. The pedigree could be traced from a much earlier date, as reference to the list of wills proved at Worcester, printed by the *British Record Society*, and to the publications of the *Worcestershire Historical Society*, will clearly show. Mr. W. B. Bickley, who has large collections relating to families in the Birmingham area, tells me that Thomas Chambyr, of Selley, par. of Northfield, was living there *temp.* Henry IV., and that this estate remained in the family till 1809.* Farmons Green,† par. of Kings Norton, the property of the Richard Chambers who starts my pedigree, was divided from Selley only by the River Rea, which also divided the parishes at that point. Mr. Bickley says that the name of Farmons Green (the Farmons were landowners in Kings Norton in the 13th century) is now lost, it being included in the district familiar to-day as Moor Green. William Chambers, of Northfield, gent., compounded for knighthood in 1628 (Grazebrook's *Heraldry of Worcestershire*, II., 708); and William Chambers, Northfield, was disclaimed at the Visitation of 1634 (*ibid.*, II., 698).

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* See *post*, p. 87.

† Mr. Bickley tells me that Richard Chambers, of Selley, par. of Northfield, yeoman, son of Joan Chambers, widow, was owner of Farmons, par. of Kings Norton, in 1603.

The foundation of the pedigree is an "Abstract of Title to Kitchen House Farm, par. of Kings Norton, co. Worc.," which abstract was acquired, on my advice, by Mr. C. D. Chambers. I cannot print this in full, but will give the genealogical information it contains in a condensed form. The wills referred to I give in abstract later on.

2 *May*, 30 *Chas. II.* (1678). Indenture quadripartite between Rd. Chambers, of Farmons Green, par. of K.N., co. Worc., gent., of 1st part, Wm. Greves, of K.N., yeo., of 2nd part, Rd. Greves, of Branderd End, K.N., yeo., and Rd. Cotterell, of K.N., dyer, of 3rd part, and —— Bellamy, of Moseley, yeo., and Jonathan Moore, of Moseley, yeo., of 4th part. All that mess., etc., containing 10 acres or thereabouts, in Lea Yield, par. of K.N., etc., etc., then in occ. of Rd. Holden and then called Kitchen Tenement.

21 *July* 1680. Said Rd. Chambers by his last will did bequeath said premises to his eldest dau. Jane Chambers and her heirs for ever. Quotes will further, mentioning his dau. Eleanor and eldest son Timothy.

10 *July* 1695. Indenture between sd. Timothy Chambers and Mary his wife, one of the daus. of Wm. Eborall, of Balsall, co. War., gent., of one part, and Robert Beake, of city of Coventry, gent., and said Wm. Eborall, of other part. Said Timothy Chambers before his marr. gave a bond for £1000 that he would settle lands, etc., of value of £70 per ann. on said wife. All that mess. and farm called Kitchen House, in K.N., containing about 14 acres.

29 *Oct.* 1707.* Deed poll by said Jane Chambers, reciting will of said Rd. Chambers and also that said Timothy Chambers had actually paid to said Jane and Eleanor Chambers, on 10 Nov. 1689, the sum of £700 within the time limited by said will, therefore said Jane acknowledged receipt of £350, her just proportion of said sum under the will, and released, etc., said property to Timothy and his heirs.

12 *Sept.* 1741. Said Timothy Chambers by his last will gave all his freehold lands, chargeable with debts and legacies, to his eldest son Rd. Chambers. N.B. These legacies are discharged.

19 *Dec.* 1746. Articles of agreement between said Rd. Chambers, of 1st part, Mary Smith, only dau. of Jacob Smith of Ridgeacre, par. of Halesowen, Salop, gent., of 2nd part, and Wm. Eborall of Atherstone, co. War., esq., and Wm. Robertson, of town of Halesowen, mercer, of 3rd part, being articles on marr. of said Rd. Chambers with said Mary Smith, settling upon her certain premises in par. of Northfield for life, in lieu of dower or thirds.

4 *and* 5 *May* 1748. Indentures of lease and release tripartite between said Rd. Chambers of 1st part, Robert Pardoe of 2nd part, and Thos. Thornton and Wm. Eborall, of 3rd part. All that mess., etc., called Kitchen House, with closes, etc.,

* The day before her marriage to Samuel Ford.

containing by estimation about 10 acres, then in occ. of Henry Crockett, lying in Lea Yield, par. of K.N. To hold to Robert Pardoe, that a recovery might be suffered, the uses of which are declared, to use of said Rd. Chambers, etc., for ever. N.B. The recovery was duly suffered.

22 *May* 1772. Last will of said Rd. Chambers, clerk, executed in presence of three witnesses, dictated by himself, some part whereof was written by the schoolmaster of Cradley, one of the wits., and the other part by testator himself, who corrected it and made alterations through the whole in his own writing. Will quoted at length.

13 *June* 1772. Mem. in his own writing, at foot of will, quoted at length.

28 *Aug.* 1773. Another similar mem. quoted. N.B. Rd. Chambers (testator's son) hath issue a son and dau.

31 *Oct. and* 1 *Nov.* 1777. Indentures of lease and release, the release of 3 parts and made between Rd. Chambers, of Whitborne Court, co. Hereford, esq., only son and heir-at-law of said Rev. Rd. Chambers, of Cradley, co. Hereford, decd., and Anna Maria, wife of said Rd. Chambers, of 1st part, John Claridge, of Gray's Inn, gent., of 2nd part, and John Bradstock, of Upton upon Severn, co. Worc., gent., of 3rd part. All that mess. or tenement called Kitchen House, with closes, etc., containing about 10 acres, late in tenure of Henry Crocket but then of John Richards, in Lea Yield, par. of K.N. Recovery suffered in Michaelmas Term last, wherein said John Bradstock was demandant, John Claridge tenant, and Rd. Chambers and Anna Maria his wife vouchees.

9 *Sept.* 1777. Indentures of three parts, made between Wm. Smith and Wm. Matthews, esqs., trustees named in a settlement made before a marr. shortly to be solemnized between said John Bradstock and Mary Chambers, of 1st part, the said Mary Chambers, of Ridgeacre, aforesaid, spinster, only dau. and a legatee named in will of said Rd. Chambers, clerk, of 2nd part, and said Rd. Chambers of Whitborne Court, the only son and devisee, of 3rd part. In consideration of sum of £3000 paid by said Rd. Chambers to Wm. Smith and Wm. Matthews by direction of said Mary Chambers, and of £1010, residue of her father's legacies of £4000 and £10 paid to her by Rd. Chambers, the said Wm. Smith, Wm. Matthews and Mary Chambers, released unto said Rd. Chambers all their interest in real estate of said Rd. Chambers, clerk.

9 *Sept.* 1777. Release of said Mary Chambers for legacy of £10.

1 *and* 2 *April* 1778. Indentures of lease and release, the release tripartite between said Rd. Chambers of 1st part, Thomas Gem, of B'ham, gent., of 2nd part, and William Bedford, of B'ham, gent., a trustee for Thos. Gem for the purposes thereafter mentioned, of the 3rd part, reciting deeds of 31 Oct. and 1 Nov. 1777. Sale to said Thos. Gem by said Rd. Chambers, for £470, of all that mess. or tenement called Kitchen House, with closes, etc., containing about 10 acres, late in tenure of Henry Crocket, then of John Richards, but now of Thos. Underhill, situate in Lea Yield, par. of K.N.

The following wills, several of which are quoted in the abstract of title, are in themselves sufficient to establish the pedigree :—

TIMOTHY WHITE, of Northfield, co. Worc., clerk. Will dated 19 Apl. 1660. To son Jacob and his heirs for ever, my mess. and lands in Lapworth, co. War., in tenure of Edward Greene, and also all my lands in Whitchurch. To youngest son Timothy, all my two messes. and lands in Over Whitacre, co. War., which I hold in mortgage of Richard Edwards. To three daus., Anne, Jane and Elizabeth, all that part of Arnhold Field, in Coventry, which my sister Harmar holds for life. To younger sons, Thomas, Timothy and Phineas, my fourth part of the manor of Woodcote, co. War., and my two mess. in Kings Norton, and two in Coventry, and a little garden over the street, lately bought by Phineas White, decd., of Capt. Damport, and the other part of Arnhold Field, in Coventry, late the jointure of Mrs. Perkins, each paying my son Jacob £20. To eldest dau. Ann White, £250, to second dau. Jane White, £200, and to youngest dau. Elizabeth £150, each at 21, and they to be residuary legatees. Exors., my friends John Field, of Rowheath, and John Welsh, until son Thomas attains 21. To sister Harmar, £5. Overseers, my friend Mr. Edward Feild, of the Bells, and my bror.-in-law, Mr. Barnaby Smith. Signed, Timothy White. Wits., Edw. Field, Edward Knowles, and Frances Webster. Proved 14 Aug. 1660 in P.C.C. [Nabbs 233], by John Welch, power reserved for John Field. (Note in Calendar, Aug. 1666, that probate granted as above expired.)

RICHARD CHAMBERS, of Farmans Green, par. of Kings Norton, co. Worc. Will dated 21 July 1680. To eldest son, Timothy Chambers, my houses and lands in Selley, par. of Northfield, in occ. of Thos. Hopkins and John Astly. I give all that my whole liveing called the Pineapple liveing, lying near to Kings Heath and Hasslewell, in par. of Kings Norton, with lands called Racklys Fields, now in occ. of Rd. Holden, to my youngest son, Richard Chambers. My house called the Mayhouse, with closes called the Burrows, in occ. of John Barnbrooke, and my house and lands called the Kitchen House, in occ. of Rd. Holden, to eldest dau. Jane Chambers. My house and lands near Kingswood, in occ. of Alice Feild, widow, and my house and lands in Moseley, in occ. of Joseph Walton, and all my lands in or near Coventry, which I purchased of my two brors.-in-law, Thomas White and Timothy White, to youngest dau. Elenor Chambers. To wife Jane Chambers, my house and lands which I have in my own possession, called Farmans Liveing, for her life, and then to eldest son, Timothy Chambers. To said wife, that land which came by her and was given unto her by her father's will for her life, and then to eldest son, Timothy Chambers. My two parts of houses and lands lying near to Kings Norton, which I bought of my two brors.-in-law, Jacob and Thomas White, now in occ. of John Avenant, widow Mace, and John Guise, to said wife and her heirs to enable her to pay my debts, etc., and I make her sole extrix. of this my will, and give her all my personal estate. To youngest son, Rd. Chambers, £60. To eldest dau. Jane, £30. To youngest dau. Elenor, £30. To bror.-in-law, Timothy White, £5. To the poor

£10, to be distributed at funeral. If eldest son Timothy Chambers pay £700, within 3 years after he attains 21 years, to my daus. Jane and Elenor, then he shall have the lands, houses, etc., bequeathed to them. Signed, Richard Chambers. Wits., Ann Jennens, Alice Withers, Joseph Walton, and Jos: × Watson. Proved 10 Feb. 1680/1, at Worcester, by Jane Chambers, the extrix. Inventory dated 19 Jan. 1680/1, by Jacob White, Ric. Bullamy, and Wm. Lee *alias* Crow; total, £257-9-0.

THOMAS COTCHETT, of Derby, in co. Derby, esq. Will dated 7 Feb. 1712/13. To friend, Alexander Stanhoppe, esq., one picture being my own effigies in a square frame. To friend, Samuel Dalton, esq., silver watch in a studded case. To wife, one red bed and bedstead, which was hers before our marriage, with the second best feather bolster, etc., and certain furniture, pewter, etc., and all the household goods she brought with her in marriage, as my exor. shall think fit. To loving son, Thomas Cotchett, my gold seal ring, easy chair, and a picture being his own effigies. To dau., Sarah Bradbury, my silver tankard, etc. To grandchildren, Mary Bradbury, Thos. Bradbury, and Zacharias Bradbury, each one silver spoon. To godson, Henry Cock, son of James Cock, silver spoon. To dau. Mary Carrington, one other picture being my own effigies. My son Thomas Cotchett stands bound unto me in a certain obligation dated 26 June 6 Anne (1707), in a penalty of £2000, and another obligation of 20 Oct. 1705, in a penalty of £2400, with interest at 5%; and whereas I stand indebted to John Bradbury, clerk*, in sum of £300, being marriage portion of said dau. Sarah Bradbury; and whereas I stand indebted to Ann Bateman, widow, in such sum of money as shall appear due to her upon account betwixt me and her; and whereas some years since, together with my late son Robert Cotchett, I sold unto one Richard Saxon, now decd., a certain farm called Bannells, and Broadmeadow, and Barrow Coat, in par. of Etwall, co. Derby, and land in par. of Mickleover, in said co., now descended unto John Saxon, the elder, being brother, and John Saxon, the younger, being nephew to said Richard Saxon, to the intent therefore that said sum of £300, with interest, shall be paid to said John Bradbury, and such money as shall be due unto Ann Bateman, and that the title of them, John Saxon, the elder, and John Saxon, the younger, unto said farm and lands may be sufficiently confirmed unto them. If son Thomas Cotchett shall six months after my decease pay said sums, etc., then my exor. shall deliver up to said son said two obligations to be cancelled. Exor., said John Bradbury. Rest of personal estate, after payment of debts and funeral expenses, to go to said son Thomas Cotchett. Signed, Thomas Cotchett. Wits., Samuel Cooke and Wm. Parker. Codicil dated 18 Aug. 1713. Whereas my wife hath without just cause (since the making of my will) departed from me in my weakness, and lives upon a separate maintenance, I do hereby revoke all gifts and legacies bequeathed

* No doubt John Bradbury who was admitted sizar at Trinity Coll., Camb., aged 17, from Uttoxeter School, on 5 Apl. 1689, son of Thomas B., of Fradswell, Staffs.; matric. 1690; scholar 1693; B.A. 1693-4; usher at Derby Grammar School, 1700-5; Curate of St. Michael and St. Werburgh, Derby, 1710 (Venn's *Alumni Cantabrigienses*).

therein to her, and do only give said wife my great gilt Bible and a pair of bellows, and only such goods of what she brought in marriage as my exors. shall think meet and convenient to give her. Whereas said wife did receive £17 upon my account for rent, which she has given me no account of, I give her the same, or such part thereof as she hath in her possession undisposed of, that she may buy herself mourning therewith. To Mary, wife of Isaac Lane, 10s/-. To Mary Meade the elder, 5s/-. Signed, Thomas Cotchett. Wits., Eliz. Rasin and Wm. Parker. Proved 15 June 1714, at Lichfield, by sole exor. Inventory dated 1 Oct. 1713, by J. A. Burton and Thos. Trimmer; total, £43–18–10.

TIMOTHY WHITE, of Alcester, co. War., clerk. Will dated 11 Nov. 1712. To wife, for life, my lease in Hoblench, held of Sir Thomas Rouse, and after her decease to my daus., Ann and Elizabeth White; if either die without children, then her part to my son Thomas. To wife the estate that came by her, in Kings Norton, for life, with remainder to son Thomas and his heirs for ever, he then to pay £10 each to my grandchildren, Mary and Ann White. To son Thomas, the inn in Alcester called the Greyhounds Head, the mortgage of Mrs. Round's estate, being a house in the tenure of Mr. Richard Brandish, and a barn in that of Mr. Magenis, and another barn and garden. To daus. Ann and Elizabeth White, the mortgage on John Slow's estate, and my money in the lottery 1712, a silver porringer, cup, and nine silver spoons. To son Thomas, a silver tankard, a case of silver hafted knives, and all my books and papers. To said two grand daus., all the goods I received from Worcester that were my son Phineas's, bought and paid for to Mr. Sargent by me. Exor., my son Thomas. Signed, Tim: White. Wits., Joh. Brandis, Wm. Holyoake and Joseph Churchley. Proved 25 Feb. 1712/13, in P.C.C [Leeds 50], by the exor.

JAMES COCK, of borough of Derby, tanner. Will dated 11 July 1728. To son James Cock, £5. To dau., Jane Cock, £300. To son, Henry Cock, £300. My wife to enjoy such several sums of money for her life. All the rest of goods, chattels, debts, etc., to wife, Eleanor Cock, to dispose of as she shall think fit amongst my said three children. Exors., wife Eleanor Cock, and Henry Cock. Signed, James Cock. Wits., Eliz. Mead and Thos. Mead. Proved at Lichfield 1 Oct. 1728, by Eleanor Cock, power reserved for Henry Cock, the other exor. Inventory dated 4 Aug. 1728, by Benedict Cock, Jos. × Crosley and Thos. Mead; total £260–14–0.

TIMOTHY CHAMBERS, of Moseley, par. of Kings Norton, co. Worc., gent. Will dated 12 Sept. 1741. To dau. Mary Jesson, £100 beyond what I gave her on marriage, which was a legacy left her by her grandfather, William Eborall, heretofore of Balsall, co. War., esq., decd. To dau., Jane Hunt, £200, and £25 left her by said grandfather. To dau., Elizabeth Chambers, £800, and £25 left her by said grandfather. To son William Chambers (who has already had his portion), £5. To poor of Kings Norton, £5. To eldest son, Richard Chambers, his heirs and assigns for ever, all my freehold lands, etc., whatsoever, chargeable with debts and legacies. Residuary legatee and exor., said son Richard. Signed,

Timothy Chambers. Wits., Jane Ford, John Ball and Will. Priest. Proved 2 Mch. 1746/7, in P.C.C. [Potter 65], by Rev. Richard Chambers, clerk, exor. named in will.

WILLIAM CHAMBERS, of city of Coventry, haberdasher. Will dated 11 Jan. 1755/6. To Wm. Grove, of Coventry, esq., and Mr. Thomas Little, my copartner, £1000, in trust to pay my wife the interest thereof. To said wife, her watch, my linen, china, pewter, and so forth. I ratify the settlement of my farm at Hopsford I made on her at marriage; after her death the same to son William and his heirs for ever, and also my farm in co. Leic., late the estate of his grandfather Gilbert. To said trustees, my lands at Gosford Green, near Coventry, to provide for education and bringing up of said son William, and my unborn child. To my uncle, Mr. George Serker, and my aunt, and Wm. Grove, jun., my godson, a guinea each. The residue to my trustees and wife for the bringing up and education of dau. Mary and unborn child. Exors., said trustees and wife Margaret. Signed, Wm. Chambers. Wits., Eliz. Wall, Jas. Jopson and Jno. Denham. Codicil dated 15 Oct. 1756; wits., Wm. Cleeve, Abel Gravenor and Eliz. Wall. Proved 7 July 1758, in P.C.C. [Hulton 211], by the exors. Admon. granted 21 Mch. 1807 to Catherine, wife of John Bree, Dr. of Physic, dau. and residuary legatee named in will, of goods, etc., of decd., left unadministered by exors., decd., the said Thomas Little surviving Margaret Chambers and Wm. Grove, and dying intestate.

RICHARD CHAMBERS, of Cradley, co. Hereford, clerk. Will dated 22 May 1772. To poor of Cradley, £2–12–0 a year for 12 penny loaves to be given to 12 poor people of 60 years and more, to be distributed by the tenant of Cradley Hall Farm at Whitsuntide and Christmas. Also 26s/- a year to six aged poor in Naunton Beauchamp, co. Worc., for penny loaves to be distributed by the heirs of my sister Jane Hunt, and the rector and churchwardens of Naunton Beauchamp, the payment charged on my farm there in tenure of Mr. John Hunt. To 12 aged poor in Bromyard, co. Hereford, 52s/- a year for 12 penny loaves; same to 12 poor of Inkberrow. "Also I give and bequeath Two Pounds and twelve shillings a year to twelve aged poor people of Christian Conversation and Behaviour, Men or Women, living in Moseley in the parish of Kings Norton in the county of Worcester, to be laid out in penny loaves and given them in the chancel of the chapel of Moseley, every Lords day throughout the year, to the end of the World. I charge this payment to be made at Whitsuntide and Christmas by the tenant of my Farm called Farmons Green, in Moseley," the curate and chapel warden of Moseley to appoint receivers of the loaves if any of my heirs shall not. To the poor of Welford, £5, of Peasmore, 50s/-, of Uffington, £5, and of Catmore, Berks, 5s/-. To wife Mary, all the estate I received with her, and my estate at Selley, par. of Northfield, occpd. by George Cook, and Mr. Noble of Birmingham, for life, with all estates settled on her in jointure. To dau. Mary Chambers, £3000, and £1000 more if her mother should give consent to her marriage, and if her mother be dead then I give said dau. £4000. Should son and dau. die not leaving issue, my wife to have power to give all the estates I

received with her on marriage to whom she pleases. Should son Richard die leaving no issue, I give the estates bequeathed to him to dau. Mary, except one estate to be settled on son's wife, of worth of £100 a year for her life. Should both son and dau. die without issue, I give all the estates received from my ancestors to the dau. of bror. William Chambers, Catherine or whatever she may be called, of Coventry, for her life, and to her issue if she live to have any. If son and dau. die without leaving issue, then I leave my sister Elizabeth Chambers the sum of £1000 for her life, which sum I give to my sisters Jane Hunt and Mary Jesson and their heirs, and to their eldest sons all the estates I have given, except the sum of £100 a year to my cousin Richard Jesson, lying in Kings Norton, to be ascertained to them by my son Richard Chambers. To son Richard, all my estates, wheresoever lying, including my wife's lands, etc., after her decease, and charge him with all legacies, etc. Exors., son, cousin Rev. Samuel Ford, of Ross, Hereford, and nephew Mr. John Hunt, of Naunton Beauchamp. Wits., Benjn. Habberley, Francis Cofield, and John Woodyatt of Cradley. Codicil dated 13 June 1772. To wife Mary, free use of reserved parts of my house at Fairmans or Formons Green, in Moseley, Kings Norton, and of hackney stable, together with son Richard, when he go into that country to receive the rents, she to have life use of outhouses there, courtyards, and reserved parts of garden and orchards ; also of the clock hanging over the stairs at Cradley, which was brought from Moseley, if she please to make that house her abode and residence, and also the rent of the mills, etc., in Minsworth, in Curdworth, if she engage not in matrimony after my death. Wits., Benjn. Habberley, John Woodyatt and Richard Peney. Codicil dated 28 Aug. 1773. My unsettled estates to be charged with payment of all debts and dau.'s fortune. To beloved wife, Mary Chambers, £10, and to beloved dau. Mary Chambers, £10, to be paid to each as early as possible on the next day of my death. Wits., Benjn. Habberley, Francis Cofield and John Woodyatt. On 8 Apl. 1778, Frances Smith, of Halesowen, Salop, spinster, and John Jones, of Inckley, co. Worc., gent., swore to writing of decd. Proved 18 Apl. 1778, in P.C.C. [Hay 148], by Richard Chambers, son and exor., the other exor., Rev. Samuel Ford, clerk, renouncing : power reserved to John Hunt. On 10 Jan. 1824, admon. of goods unadministered by said Richard Chambers, now decd., granted to Benjamin Johnson, Esq., one of the latter's exors. ; John Hunt renouncing, and Mary, relict of Rev. Richard Chambers, and Mary his dau., wife of John Bradstock, being dead.*

ELIZABETH CHAMBERS, of par. of St. Peter's, city of Worc., spinster. Will dated 9 Mch. 1778. To cousins Richard and Mary Chambers, or their heirs, £50 apiece. To bror. William Chambers's dau., or her heirs, £100. To sister Jesson's sons and daus., or their heirs, £500. To sister Hunt's son and daus.,

* Mr. Bickley sent me the following clause that had been added to the will :— "If my son Richard Chambers shall keep, or shall have a pack of Hounds or Beagles kept for him, by any other, with or without charge to him, or Horse or Mare, or run a Race, I give and bequeath my estate called Whitborne Court, with all its appurtenances, to my dear daughter and her heirs before named, Mary Chambers and her heirs for ever."

or their heirs, £400. To cousin Mary Brace, my watch. To cousins Jane Wilson and Elizabeth Lucas, a ring each. To Governors of Worc. Infirmary, £5, and to poor of St. Peter's par., 50s/-. Sole exor., cousin John Hunt. Wits., Isaac Sargent, Edward Hussey and Hannah Lane. Proved 23 Mch. 1780, in P.C.C. [127 Collins], by exor. named.

RICHARD CHAMBERS, of Whitbourne Court, co. Hereford. Will dated 11 Jan. 1809. Everything on trust to Anthony Lechmere, of Rydde, Worc., and Benjamin Johnson,* for son Richard Chambers. £5000 to son William Surman Chambers, over and above what has already been given him. £500 to dau. Anna Maria Harrison. £3000 to dau. Elizabeth Chambers. £2000 to trustees for benefit of dau. Anna Maria Harrison for life, not to be under control, etc., of husband Robert Harrison, and after her death to her children equally, failing which to be shared between son William Surman and dau. Elizabeth. Forgive all debts of Robert Harrison. Son Richard to have right to retain all lands, etc., unsold, if he pays legacies, etc. Wits., D. Walker, Rich. Chattock, and Thos. Chattock. Codicil dated 19 Jan. 1809. To son William Surman Chambers, the lands, buildings, etc., at Knightwick, leased from Lord Foley, if he pays the rent and leases Holy Meadow, part of said farm, to my son Richard at rental of £25. To son William Surman, all stock, implements, etc., at Knightwick. To dau. Elizabeth, £1000 more. Revoke £500 given to dau. Anna Maria Harrison, and add £500 to £2000 on trust. Pay two bonds of £200 each, which I have entered into for Robert Harrison. Wits., D. Walker, Phillip Pennell and Thos. Chattock. Codicil dated 21 Jan. 1809. Son Richard may have Knightwick lease and stock valued, and also a farm at Whitbourne, and retain possession of both on paying half value to son William Surman. Wits., D. Walker, Jas. Wormington and Thos. Chattock. Proved 14 Apl. 1809.†

JOHN BREE, of Stratford on Avon, M.D. Will dated 15 Dec. 1821. Wife, Catherine Bree. Daus., Anna Bree and Catherine Bree. William Thomas Bree, of Allesley, co. War., clerk. Son-in-law, George Biggs, of Upton Warren, co. Worc. My three daus. Exors., wife Catherine Bree, daus. Anna Bree and Catherine Jane Bree, and George Biggs (from Howard and Crisp's *Visitation of England and Wales*, Notes, vol. III., p. 101).

RICHARD GRAY CHAMBERS, of Upper Montagu Street, Montagu Square, shortly about to start for Bombay. Will dated 24 Aug. 1838. Exors., wife Sophia Chambers, bror.-in-law, William Charles Andrews, B.C.S., Gregor Grant, B.C.S., my sister Elizabeth, wife of Rev. Frederick Aston, and Charles Rogers Coxwell, of Cheltenham. To wife £500, if in India, to pay passage home, if she so desires, within 12 months. To wife, income of residue while a widow, and

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* Not a kinsman of Dr. Johnson's. "At Sherridge, aged 83, B. Johnson, esq., senior magistrate of the county, a Bencher of the Inner Temple, and for nearly 30 years Town Clerk of Worcester" (obit. in *Gent.'s Mag.*, 1829, pt. 2, p. 650).

† Particulars of this will, and of the other Chambers wills that follow, are derived from papers in possession of Mr. C. D. Chambers. The place of proof is not stated.

then equally among children. By indenture dated 8 Aug. 1838, between me R. G. C. of one part, and J. T. Church and Charles Rogers Coxwell, of other part, I have declared that it is my intention that a certain freehold estate called the Cradley estate, lately discurtailed by me, shall be sold or not under the trusts specified ; the property or the money from it is to be included in the residue.* Proved 5 Nov. 1840, by Sophia Chambers and C. R. Coxwell, power reserved to other exors. Sworn under £8000. Testator died on or about 16 Nov. 1839.

RICHARD CHAMBERS, late of Apsley End, nr. Hitchin, Herts., but now staying at 7 Grove End Road, Regent's Park, esq. Will dated 31 Oct. 1842. To grandson, Richard Chambers, infant son of late son, Richard Gray Chambers, "all the dinner service of my establishment, and particularly all the articles of silver plate connected therewith," and if he die under 21, then to my grand-dau. Jane Chambers, the dau. of late son William Chambers. To said Jane, "my tea service and all the silver plate also connected therewith," at 21 or marriage. To each of my exors., £10-10-0 ; to John Herbert, of Powick, co. Worc., esq., my gold watch ; to John Worrell Grazebrook, of St. John's Wood Road, Regent's Park, my gold snuff box ; and to Fernando Dudley Leigh Smith, of Grange Hill, Halesowen, esq., my fox's head. Residue to friends, said J. W. Grazebrook and John Herbert, on trust to raise and pay £200 to my faithful servant, Martha Stone, and £10-10-0 to each of my daus. to purchase a mourning ring ; residue for benefit of said grand-dau., Jane Chambers. All mortgaged and trust estates vested in me to said J. W. Grazebrook and John Herbert, upon the equities and trusts affecting the same, and they to be exors. Wits., John Thomas Church,† 9 Bedford Row, M'sex, attorney at law, and G. M. Lander, clerk to Messrs. Burgoynes and Co., 160 Oxford Street. Codicil of same day. To friend J. W. Grazebrook, my double barrelled gun, gun case, and shooting apparatus connected with same. To Martha Stone, my little gold Geneva watch, one of the pictures of Whitborne Court, my table linen, towels, napkins, with two tea caddies, three gold rings, all the German silver, spoons, forks, table knives, time piece, and chimney ornaments.

The two following Chancery suits relate to the family. The first illustrates the usual distaste felt by children for their mother's remarriage :—

July 1690. Complaint by Richard Chambers, Jane and Eleanor Chambers, younger son and daus. of Richard Chambers, late of Kings Norton, co. Worc., gent., decd., infants, the said Richard being aged 10, Jane 15, and Eleanor about

* Under this indenture the Cradley Hall estate was sold to the Rev. William Moss King, on 3 Feb. 1847, with consent of Sophia Chambers, widow.

† Father of late Prof. Sir Arthur H. Church, F.R.S., and Rev. Alfred John Church ; see my *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 106.

13, by Timothy White, of Alcester, co. War., clerk, their next friend, that their said father made his will bearing date 21 July 32 Charles II., and, among other legacies, bequeathed to said Richard £60, to Jane and Eleanor £30 each, and made his wife Jane his extrix. and left her a very great personal estate of more than £600, and gave her two parts of his houses and lands in Kings Norton, which he had bought of his brors.-in-law, Jacob and Thomas White, of the value of £20 a year, and also his house and lands called Farman's living, in Kings Norton, and land near Coventry, co. War., of the value of £60, for life. Soon after, the said Chambers died, and seven years ago the said Jane, his widow, married Thomas Cotchet, esq., and they refuse to pay the said legacies until the said children's age of 21, although the bequests were to be paid after decease of testator. Therefore they desire said Thomas and Jane may be caused to appear to answer the premises.

Answer of said Thomas and Jane Cotchett, given at Derby, co. Derby, 14 Apl. 3 Wm. & Mary (1691). They say the will is in the hands of children's guardian, that said will was proved by Jane at Worcester, and as for the terms they refer to said will. The children were left to guardianship of said Jane during widowhood, and on her re-marriage to that of said testator's bror.-in-law, Timothy White, and they are willing to do as required of them.

Chancery Proceedings before 1714, *Bridges, Bundle* 158, *No.* 133.

25 May 1695. Complaint by Thomas Jervoise, of Herriard, co. Hants., esq., and Richard Wilson, of Northfield, co. Worc., yeoman, that said Thomas and his ancestors have been for many years seized in their demesne as of fee of and in manor of Northfield and Weely, co. Worc., and of and in a parcel of ground there formerly called a Park and now called Weely Park, and since the disparking thereof the owners of a cottage called Crosse Leighton, near thereunto, adjoining Selly Cross, have from time to time encroached on ground of said Thomas, and have made hedges, cut trees, and taken in the ground of the park at their own will; Richard Wilson shews that he and his father have been tenants of said Park for many years and have always considered the bank adjoining the garden to be part of the park, and they further show that Timothy Chambers, gent., owner of said cottage, and Thomas Lakins his tenant, have removed the boundary marks of said Park and encroached on same, and the plaintiffs desire said Chambers and Lakins may be caused to appear to answer premises.

Chancery Proceedings before 1714, *Bridges, Bundle* 168, *No.* 94.

The Family Bible, printed at London by Robert Barker in 1613, and now in possession of Mr. C. D. Chambers, has "Tim: Chambers" on the fly-leaf, and contains the following entries:—

Richard Chambers son of Richd. & Mary Chambers was Born Jany. 1st 1749 & baptized 31st of ye same Month.

Halesowen Parish. The Revd. Mr. Richard Chambers of the Parish of Cradley & Mrs. Mary Smith of this Parish were married by licence December 22nd 1746.

June 14th 1776. The Revd. Richd. Chambers was Buried.

Richard Chambers of the Parish of Cradley in the County of Hereford & Anna Maria Surman of the Parish of Great Malvern County of Worcester were married 23rd of January 1769.

Richard Chambers was borne the fiveteenth day of November 1696 upon Sunday morning 11 Clock.

Mary Chambers was borne the nine & twentieth day of October 1698 about 5 a Clock in ye morning being Saturday.

Jane Chambers was borne the Sixteenth day of June 1700 about two a Clock on Sunday morning.

William Chambers was borne the Seaven and twentieth day of June neare one a clock in the morning 1702 being Saturday.

Elizabeth Chambers was borne the eight day of Aprill neare four a Clock in the afternoone being Saturday 1704.

Richard Chambers was born on Sunday 28th of March 1773 at 12 O Clock in ye morning. Sponsors, Miss Chambers, Mr. Smith junr., Mr. J. Surman.

Mary Chambers Born on Wednesday ye 3d of May 1775 at 11 O Clock in ye Morning. Sponsors, Mr. Phillips, Mrs. Driver, Miss Smith.

Anna Maria Chambers Born on Monday ye 23d of March 1778 at 11 O Clock in ye Morning. Sponsors, Mr. Buckle, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Chattock.

William Surman Chambers, Born on Saturday ye 26th of April 1783, at a Quarter past 3 O Clock in ye Morning. Sponsors, Miss E. Buckle, Mr. Newport, Mr. Surman.

Elizabeth Chambers Born on Monday ye 30th of Janry 1786 at half past one in ye Morn. Sponsors, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Cameron, Mr. Watkins.

Richard Chambers Junr of the Parish of Whitborne in the County of Hereford & Mary Elizabeth Gray of the Parish of Ealing in the County of Middlesex were married April 22d 1802.

Elizabeth Chambers born Feby 13th 1803. Sponsors, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Chambers, Mr. Gray.

Richd. Gray Chambers, born May 22d 1804. Sponsors, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Robert Gray, Mrs. Gray.

Robert Gray Chambers born Decembr 26th 1805. Sponsors, Mr. Lechmere, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Gray—died Dec. 31st 1817.

William Chambers born August 8th 1807. Sponsors, Mr. Surman, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Gray.

Jane Hulse Chambers born May 29th 1809. Sponsors, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Chambers, Genl Hulse.

Mary Gray Chambers, born June the 23d 1811. Sponsors, Mrs. Surman, Mrs. Gray, Mr. W. Chambers.

Edward Thomas Harley Chambers, born March 12th 1815.

Mrs. Chambers, Wife of Richard Chambers, Esquire, Died at Ealing in the County of Middlesex, on Wednesday the 30th of July 1834, Aged 56, and Buried at Ealing Church.

It appears from a copy of an indemnification, signed by Richard Chambers on 17 Jan. 1784,* that he was taking proceedings in Chancery against one Samuel Parkes to compel him to perform an agreement for the purchase of an estate whereof two undivided third parts were late the estate of his late father, Richard Chambers, clerk, decd., and had joined the following defendants with Parkes :—

Mary Chambers, widow, Anna Maria Chambers the elder, Richard Chambers the younger, Mary Chambers the younger, Anna Maria Chambers the younger, John Bradstock and Mary his wife, John Skinner Bradstock, Elizabeth Bradstock, John Bree and Catherine his wife, Jane Hunt, John Hunt, Jane Wilson, Clement Lucas and Elizabeth his wife, Joseph Jesson, Richard Jesson, John Wright and Ann his wife, Matthias Chattock and Mary his wife, and Richard Chattock and Rebecca his wife.

These defendants he joined in order to determine his exact interest in the estates which passed to him under his father's will, and he indemnified them from all costs and charges to be incurred in the suit he was bringing. Their identity can be learned from the Chambers pedigree that follows, and the Jesson pedigree on pp. 138-9 of my *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*.

Of Thomas Cotchett, who about 1683 married Richard Chambers's widow, and thus became stepfather to Jane Chambers who married Johnson's uncle Samuel Ford, I gave some particulars at *ante*, III. 43-4, bearing upon his work as a county justice. No doubt he was the Thomas, son of Robert Cotchet, born at Mickleover, Derbyshire, who after leaving Repton School was admitted a pensioner at Queens' College, Cambridge, 24 Mch. 1657/8, migrating to Christ's, aged 18, on 9 Apl. 1658 ; he was admitted at Gray's Inn on 5 Dec. 1661 (Venn's *Alumni Cantabrigienses*). His children, presumably, were all the children of his first wife, whose name I have not got. From *The*

* In possession of Rev. Thomas Jesson, M.A., Vicar of Hucclecote, Glouc.

Chronicles of All Saints', Derby, by J. C. Cox and W. H. St. John Hope, 1881, we learn (p. 145) that at the east end of the north aisle, is a tablet in an alabaster frame, with wyvern-winged skull, etc., bearing this inscription :—

Near this place ly | eth interr'd the bo | dy of the incompa | rably ingenious, and | Vertuous, Mrs. Hannah | Cotchett, eldest | daughter of Thomas | Cotchett of Mickle | our in the County of | Derby Esq. she de | parted this life, | the 29th of | January | 1698.

From the same work I glean (p. 37) that James Cock was churchwarden 1713/14, and (p. 78) gave £5-5-0 towards the building of the church in 1723 ; while (p. 66) "Mr. James Cock" occurs as a parishioner on 27 Sept. 1725. He was the husband of Eleanor Chambers.*

Timothy White, whose will I have given, father of Mrs. Richard Chambers (afterwards Mrs. Cotchett), matriculated pensioner from Clare College, Cambridge, at Easter 1628 ; B.A. 1628/9 ; M.A. 1632. His son Timothy, whose will I have also given, was admitted sizar at Trinity College, Cambridge, 12 June 1667 ; B.A. 1670/1 (information of Dr. Venn). The elder Timothy was presented to the vicarage of Northfield on 1 Dec. 1639, by Phineas White, of the city of Coventry, gent. (Nash's *Worcestershire*), perhaps the Phineas White, of Whitchurch, who succeeded Philemon Holland, in 1629, as Master of the Free School of Coventry, and died Oct. 1651 (Thomas Sharp's *History and Antiquities of Coventry*, 1871, p. 184). As each of our Timothys christened a son Phineas, no doubt he was a kinsman, as may also have been James White, M.A., presented to Northfield living on 27 July 1587. The elder Timothy was Master of Leicester Hospital, Warwick, from 1650 till his death in 1660. The younger Timothy was presented to the vicarage of Alcester, co. War., in 1675, where he remained, being buried there on 14 Nov. 1712. The registers there contain record of seven children born to him :—(1) William White, bap. 8 Dec. 1676, bur. 11 Dec. 1676 ; (2) Anne White, bap. 12 Dec. 1677 (living unmard. 11 Nov. 1712) ; (3) "Phinehas" White, bap. 6 Jan. 1679 ; dead 11 Nov. 1712 ; seems to have lived at Worcester ; (4) Thomas White,

* Mr. Bickley first told me that Eleanor Chambers married James Cock, of Derby, tanner, which caused me to seek his will.

bap. 20 July 1682; matric. 11 May 1699, aged 16, from Pembroke College, Oxford (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*); no doubt the Thomas White, B.A., Incumbent of Moseley in 1728; (5) Elizabeth White, bap. 28 Feb. 1683 (living unmard. 11 Nov. 1712); (6) Timothy White, bap. 5 Apl. 1686, bur. 2 May 1686; (7) John White, bap. 21 Sept. 1687 (not mentioned in father's will).

The Rev. Richard Chambers, son of Timothy, matriculated 9 July 1712, aged 15, from Pembroke College, Oxford, taking his B.A. in 1716 and his M.A. on 10 Mch. 1718/19 (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*). He was presented to the rectory of Naunton Beauchamp, by George II., on 24 Feb. 1729/30 (Nash's *Worcestershire*, II., 186); and to the rectory of Cradley in 1731 (Duncumb's *Herefordshire*, 1902, p. 62), holding both livings till his death. At Cradley is a tablet to his memory:—

Richard Chambers Clerk M.A. | chaplain to Bp. Hereford Henry Egerton | Prebendary of Inkberow | Rector of this Ch. of Cradley | in which he officiated 42 years | as long as his health permitted him. | He died 10th June 1776 | in the 81st year of his age.

The Annual Register announces his death in 1776, p. 225:—

(June 9). The Rev. Mr. Chambers, Rector of Cradley in Herefordshire, as also of Nanton, a Prebendary of Inkborough, and a Portioner of Bromyard, at Cradley aforesaid.

From John Egerton [1721-87], Bishop of Durham, he acquired the remainder of a 21 years lease of Whitbourne Court, formerly a palace of the bishops of Hereford, and afterwards obtained a lease of it for three lives from Lord James Beauclerk, being succeeded by his son Richard, who rebuilt most of the house in brick (Duncumb's *Herefordshire*, II., 239).

The *Charity Commissioners' Reports*, vol. 32, pt. 2, p. 111, has the following reference under Cradley, Hereford:—

Chambers' gift. The Parliamentary Returns mention an annual payment of £2-12-3 issuing out of land and given by the Will of the Rev. Richard Chambers in 1776. Such a gift would be void by the Statute of Mortmain, and its loss may be thus accounted for.

The Rev. Richard Chambers must have been a decided "character," as his will shows, and it would be interesting to know whether he ever

met Dr. Johnson at the house of their common uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ford. His sister Mary Chambers married Johnson's second cousin, Thomas Jesson.

Mr. C. D. Chambers, whose assistance it is a pleasure to acknowledge, has seven letters from Richard Chambers of Whitbourne Court, the cleric's son, to Joseph Purden, of Selley Hill, near Selley Oak, Northfield, and of Charles Street, Birmingham, merchant, the first dated 7 Sept. and the last 29 Oct. 1805. From these it appears that Richard Chambers, if precluded by his father's will from keeping hounds and racing (which we may doubt), at least bought hunters, attended Lichfield races, and was keen on the partridge and woodcock shooting. Joseph Purden had contracted to purchase Selley Farm, a portion of Chambers's Selley estate ; of the remainder, including the mill, he was to have the refusal when Samuel Taylor's lease was near expiry. Chambers acknowledges two drafts from Purden of £500 each on account of purchase money, but a request for a draft of £1000, at three months, upon Purden's bankers, is answered with a decided "No!" in spite of Chambers's assurance that he would receive £2400 before that date, and expected purchase money of a Kings Norton estate at Lady day. His son at Liverpool—no doubt Richard, then a man of 32—had drawn bills for nearly £1500, for malt, hops and cheese, and must soon draw for more money. A Mr. Vaughton, to Chambers's surprise, declines to buy his Clent estate "very cheap" at £2500. Thomas Chattock, Chambers's agent, appears in the correspondence.

The following extracts are from the *Gentleman's Magazine* :—

1802. pt. 2. p. 779 (Aug.)

(mard., no date) Richard Chambers, jun. esq. of Whitborne-court, co. Hereford, to the only dau. of Rd. Gray, esq. of Gr. Ealing, Middlesex.

1803. pt. 1. p. 191.

(Feb.) 13. At Great Ealing, Middlesex, the wife of Richard Chambers, jun. esq. of Hanley castle, co. Worcester, a daughter.

1809. pt. 1. p. 187.

(Jan. 24) Aged 61, Richard Chambers, esq. of Whitborne-court, co. Hereford.

1834. vol. 157. p. 658.

(Wales) *Sept.* 18. At Erwood,* Wm. Surman Chambers, esq. formerly of Dripshill,† Worcestershire.

* Erwood, near Builth. † In *Gent.'s Mag.* for 1825, pt. 2, p. 506, in a list of Worcestershire seats, occurs "Dupshill," Wm. Chambers, esq.

In a letter to his daughter, Mrs. Aston, at Wood Stanway, Broadway, Worc., dated 16 Oct. 1834, the Richard Chambers of the period says that a will of his brother William, of whose death we have just read, has been found at his lodgings near Blackfriars Bridge, where he owned ten leasehold houses. Dated 1827, it left poor Richard only £10, and the same to each of his children; £10 to his sister, Mary Hampton; to Maria Surman, £400 on marriage or at 21; and the rest of his property to the children of his sisters, Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Herbert. His natural son, John Barton, was to have £20 a year for life. He died possessed of a freehold estate of £100 a year in Herefordshire, which Richard would have welcomed even with its mortgage of £1300.* This letter was written from 31A Upper York Street, and its author is said to have been the spendthrift of the family. What his son thought of him we learn in a letter from Richard Gray Chambers to his sister, Mrs. Aston, dated 29 May 1837, from 44 Upper Baker Street, Regent's Park, in which he speaks of "my father having administered to the estate of my mother"—"now that his health is restored again he is running about everywhere dining and talking and attending to anyone's business but his own." In a letter of a fortnight later he tells her that a bill in Chancery has been filed against the Herberts, "as administrators to my Uncle William's will, and against my father as heir-at-law," by "my uncle's natural son, William Chambers Boston."

With all this evidence, we can now construct the following pedigree:—

RICHARD CHAMBERS, of Farmons Green, Moseley, par. of Kings Norton, co. War., gent. Will dated 21 July 1680, proved 10 Feb. 1680/1 at Worcester. Mard. Jane, second dau. of Rev. Timothy White, M.A. Clare Coll., Camb., Vicar of Northfield, co. Worc., and Master of Leicester Hospital, Warwick. After Richard Chambers's death, she remard. about 1683, as his second wife, Thomas Cotchett, of Mickleover, co. Derby, esq., a magistrate for the county. Thomas, son of Robert Cotchett, of Mickleover, was born about 1640, ed. at Repton and Camb., and afterwards of Gray's Inn; his will, dated 7 Feb. 1712/13 with a codicil of 18 Aug. 1713, was proved 15 June 1714 at Lichfield. Mrs. Cotchett had left her husband, "without just cause," before the date of the codicil, and

* The name of W. S. Chambers's steward is mentioned—Mr. William Gillies, of Peterchurch, co. Hereford.

the date and place of her death are unknown. By Richard Chambers she had issue,

I. TIMOTHY CHAMBERS, of whom presently.

II. Richard Chambers, born about 1680, living July 1690.

I. Jane Chambers, born about 1675 ; mard. 30 Oct. 1707, at Kings Norton, to Samuel Ford, of Light Farm, Packwood, co. War., gent., third son of Cornelius Ford, of Packwood, gent., *and uncle of Dr. Johnson.* Samuel Ford was bap. 25 Dec. 1672 at Kings Norton ; for a time he lived at Erdington, near Birmingham, and again at Stroxton, Lincs., where he was churchwarden in 1717. In Sept. 1731 he was living in or near Birmingham, but there is no certain record of him or his wife after that date. There is record of three children born to them,

a. Jane Ford, bap. 15 Aug. 1708 at Packwood ; perhaps witnessed her uncle Timothy Chambers's will on 12 Sept. 1741.

b. Nathaniel Ford, bap. 4 Sep. 1709 at Packwood.

c. Samuel Ford, born at Stroxton, Lincs., and bap. there 25 Aug. 1717 ; ed. at Sutton Coldfield School, under Paul Lowe ; matric. 11 Mch. 1735/6, aged 18, from Trinity Coll., Oxf. ; after two years at Oxford admitted sizar at Emmanuel Coll., Camb., on 11 May 1738, aged 20 ; matric. 1739, proceeding B.A. 1740/1 and M.A. 1744 (Venn's *Alumni Caniabrigienses*) ; Rector of Brampton Abbotts, co. Heref., from 1742 to death ; Vicar of Monkland, same co., from 1754 to 1780 ; died 6 May 1793, aged 76, at his house in Great Castle Street, Hereford. *First cousin of Dr. Johnson, to whom he is said, in feature, to have "exhibited a mild resemblance."* Will dated 6 Dec. 1792, proved 28 June 1793, in P.C.C. Left a widow, Mary, but apparently no children or near relatives.

II. Eleanor Chambers, born about 1677 ; mard. James Cock, of All Saints' par., Derby, tanner, churchwarden of All Saints', 1713/14, whose will, dated 11 July 1728, was proved 1 Oct. 1728, at Lichfield, by Eleanor his widow, of whom I have no further record. James Cock left issue three children :—James Cock, living 11 July 1728 ; Jane Cock, living unmard. 11 July 1728 ; and Henry Cock (godson of his grandmother's second husband, Thomas Cotchett, esq.), an exor. of his father's will, 1 Oct 1728.

TIMOTHY CHAMBERS, elder son of Richard Chambers preceding ; of Moseley, par. of Kings Norton, gent. Will dated 12 Sept. 1741, proved 2 Mch. 1746/7 in P.C.C. Mard. 1689 (Mr. Bickley's date), Mary, second dau. of William Eborall, of Balsall, par. of Hampton-in-Arden, co. War., esq., by Elizabeth, only dau. of Robert Beake, of Coventry, gent., which William Eborall was fourth and youngest son of Samuel Eborall, of Balsall, and of Gray's Inn, esq., J.P. co. War., by Sarah his first wife, eldest dau. of Henry Porter, of Edgbaston, co. War. (*probably*

ancestor of Harry Porter, whose widow mard. Dr. Johnson).* Mary Eborall was born about 1671, and predeceased her husband, having had issue,

I. RICHARD CHAMBERS, born 15 Nov. 1696, of whom presently.

II. William Chambers, of Coventry, haberdasher; born 27 June 1702. Will dated 11 Jan. 1755/6, with codicil of 15 Oct. 1756, proved 7 July 1758 in P.C.C. Left issue, by Margaret his wife, dau. of —— Gilbert, of co. Leic.,

1. William Chambers, a minor 11 Jan. 1755/6; dead without issue 17 Jan. 1784.

1. Mary Chambers, a minor 11 Jan. 1755/6; dead without issue 17 Jan. 1784.

2. Catherine Chambers, "unborn" 11 Jan. 1755/6; living unmard. 22 May 1772; mard. John Bree, M.D., of Stratford on Avon, whose will was dated 15 Dec. 1821, when she was still alive. Had three daus., Anna Bree, Catherine Jane Bree, and —— Bree, who mard. George Biggs, of Upton Warren, co. Worc.

I. Mary Chambers, born 29 Oct. 1698; bap. 16 Nov. 1698 at Kings Norton; mard. (settlement dated 22 Dec. 1726) Thomas Jesson [1697–1766], of Oakwood, West Bromwich, *second cousin of Dr. Johnson.* She died 27 Nov. 1764, and was bur. at West Bromwich, leaving issue. For a record of her descendants, see *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 138–9.

II. Jane Chambers, born 16 June 1700; mar. John Hunt, who died before 17 Jan. 1784. She was living on that date, with a son, John Hunt, of Naunton Beauchamp, and apparently two daus., Jane, widow of —— Wilson, and Elizabeth, wife of Clement Lucas.

III. Elizabeth Chambers, born 8 Apl. 1704. Will dated 9 Mch. 1778, when she was a spinster, of St. Peter's par., Worcester; proved 23 Mch. 1780 in P.C.C.

RICHARD CHAMBERS, elder son of Timothy Chambers preceding, born 15 Nov. 1696; matric. 9 July 1712, aged 15, from Pembroke Coll., Oxf.; B.A. 1716; M.A. 10 Mch. 1718/19. Rector of Naunton Beauchamp, co. Worc., from 24 Feb. 1729/30, and of Cradley, co. Hereford, from 1731. Foster (*Alumni Oxonienses*) says he was Canon of Hereford 1730. Chaplain to Henry Egerton, Bishop of Hereford, he was a Prebendary of Inkberrow in Hereford Cathedral, and a Portioner of Bromyard. Died 10 June 1776, aged 79, at Cradley, where he was bur. and there is a tablet to his memory. Apparently his health failed about 1773 and prevented him taking duty at Cradley, where he made his home. Will dated 22 May 1772, with codicils dated 13 June 1772 and 28 Aug. 1773;

* In the next part of these *Gleanings* I hope to present a very interesting pedigree of the Porters, and to prove this connexion.

proved 18 Apl. 1778 in P.C.C. He mar. at Halesowen, on 22 Dec. 1746, Mary, only dau. of Jacob Smith, of Stoke Prior, co. Worc., by Elizabeth his wife, dau. of Humphrey Lowe. Mrs. Richard Chambers (whose bror. William Smith, of Stoke Prior, and Ridgacre, near Halesowen, mar. in 1737 the Hon. Anne Lea, eldest sister and co-heir of Ferdinando Dudley-Lea, 11th Lord Dudley), who was living a widow on 17 Jan. 1784, had issue,

I. RICHARD CHAMBERS, born 1 Jan. 1749, of whom presently.

I. Mary Chambers, mard. 16 June 1778 to John Bradstock, of Upton-upon-Severn, co. Worc., attorney-at-law, who was living 17 Jan. 1784 with two children of the marriage, John Skinner Bradstock and Elizabeth Bradstock. Mrs. Bradstock was dead on 10 Jan. 1824.

RICHARD CHAMBERS, only son of Rev. Richard Chambers preceding; born 1 Jan. and bap. 31 Jan. 1749; matric. 19 June 1767, aged 18, from Trinity Coll., Oxf.; gentleman commoner of Pembroke Coll. 19 Apl. 1769 (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*); of Whitbourne Court, co. Hereford, which his father had acquired on lease of three lives. High Sheriff of Herefordshire, 1793. Died 24 Jan. 1809. Will dated 11 Jan. 1809, with codicils of 19 and 21 Jan. 1809; proved 14 Apl. 1809. Mar. 23 Jan. 1769 to Anna Maria, dau. of —— Surman, of Great Malvern (who seems to have died before her husband made his will), and had issue by her,

I. RICHARD CHAMBERS, born 28 Mch. 1773, of whom presently.

II. William Surman Chambers, born 26 Apl. 1783; entered Rugby School in 1796 (*Rugby Register*, I., 77). Of Dripshill, co. Worc. Died 18 Sept. 1834, without legitimate issue, at Erwood, near Builth.

I. Mary Chambers, born 3 May 1775; mar. 1st Thomas Harris Freeman, of Whitbourne, born 1771, and matric. 14 Apl. 1788, aged 16, from Queen's Coll., Oxf. (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*), second son of John Freeman, of Gaines, co. Hereford, and had by him a son, John Harris Freeman, who matric. 15 Oct. 1814, aged 20, from Brasenose Coll., Oxf. (*ibid.*). Left a widow, Mrs. Freeman mar. 2nd, 19 Dec. 1796, John Hampton Hampton-Lewis, of Henllys, nr. Beaumaris, born 21 Nov. 1775, died 22 Jan. 1843. Mrs. Hampton-Lewis died 3 Jan. 1842, leaving issue by her second husband (for whom see Burke's *Landed Gentry*, under "Lewis of Henllys").

II. Anna Maria Chambers, born 23 Mch. 1778, living 11 Jan. 1809 as wife of Robert Harrison.

III. Elizabeth Chambers, born 30 Jan. 1786; mar. 15 Aug. 1809 to John Herbert, of Powick, co. Worc.,* whom his bror.-in-law, Richard Chambers, appointed an exor. of his will on 31 Oct. 1842.

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* "At Powick, near Worcester, aged 65, Mr. John Herbert, sen." (*Gent.'s Mag.*, 1811, June, p. 598). This was presumably the father of our John Herbert.

RICHARD CHAMBERS, elder son of Richard Chambers preceding, born 28 Mch. 1773; matric. 15 July 1791, aged 17, from Trinity Coll., Oxf. (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*); of Whitbourne Court, co. Hereford, and later of Apsley End, Hitchin, Herts., but on 31 Oct. 1842, when he made his will, residing at 7 Grove End Road, Regent's Park; mar. 22 Apl. 1802 Mary Elizabeth, only dau. of Richard Gray,* of Great Ealing; she died 30 July 1834, aged 56, and was bur. at Ealing, having had issue,

I. RICHARD GRAY CHAMBERS, born 22 May 1804, of whom presently.

II. Robert Gray Chambers, born 26 Dec. 1805, died 31 Dec. 1817.

III. William Chambers, Capt. Bombay Native Infantry; born 8 Aug. 1807; dead 31 Oct. 1842; mar. Jane, youngest dau. of Samuel Bourchier [1781-1813], H.E.I.C.S., by Harriet his wife, dau. of Maj.-General Robert Lewis, and had one child, Jane Chambers, who mar. Capt. George Geech (Nichols's *Herald and Genealogist*, VIII., 372).

IV. Edward Thomas Harley Chambers, born 12 Mch. 1815; not mentioned in father's will of 31 Oct. 1842; believed to have entered Indian Army and died young, of accident, leaving no issue.

I. Elizabeth Chambers, born 13 Feb. 1803, at Great Ealing; mar. Rev. Frederick Aston, M.A., Univ. Coll., Oxf., son of Thomas Aston, of London; Vicar of Northleach, co. Glouc., 1838-55, and Rural Dean 1849-55, Rector of Toddenham, co. Glouc., 1855-73; Hon. Canon of Bristol, 1850-55, and of Glouc. from 1855; died 13 Oct. 1873, aged 75, leaving issue by Elizabeth Chambers.

II. Jane Hulse Chambers, born 29 May 1809; mar. 24 Feb. 1831, at Ealing, Alexander Cobham Cobham, of Shinfield Manor, nr. Reading, J.P.

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* Mr. C. D. Chambers possesses a leather pocket book, lettered in gilt on cover, "Mr. Richard Gray, Exchequr, 1756," which contains a diary of a "Cornish Journey, 1773," undertaken, evidently, for the purpose of conducting an official audit in connexion with the Duchy estates. The writer's son "Dick" (no doubt the future father-in-law of Richard Chambers) was too ill to accompany him and Mr. Abbot on their tour, which began from Marsham Street on 24 Sep. 1773, and ended there on 25 Oct. 1773, after a stupendous amount of eating, drinking and festivities, all elaborately chronicled. There are mere accounts for similar tours in 1767 and 1768. From "Musgrave's Obituary" (*Harleian Society*) I learn that Richard Gray, of the Exchequer, died 16 Sep. 1781, in Marsham Street; while Richard Gray, of the Auditor's Office for Cornwall, had died 24 Sep. 1737. Mr. Chambers also possesses some letters to Richard Gray, of Ealing, from Queen Victoria's father, one of which runs:—"Kensington Palace. 4 July 1815. The Duke of Kent presents his best regards to Mr. Gray, and considering him, the most hospitable amongst his village friends, takes the liberty of sending herewith a Haunch of Hampton Court Venison, just in a state fit for eating, the Buck having been killed on Monday week, and with it a jar of Turtle Soup, under the hope that he will make a party to let some of his neighbours partake of it, and in the number of whom he is sure he will not forget the worthy Vicar, the good General, and Majors Aldridge and Morrison.—R. Gray, Esq., etc., etc., etc."

Berks. ; he was born 25 June 1808, died 1 May 1902, bur. at Shinfield. His wife died 10 Mch. 1877, and was bur. at Shinfield, having had issue (for whom see Burke's *Landed Gentry*, " Cobham of Shinfield Grange ").

III. Mary Gray Chambers, born 23 June 1811 ; mar. 3 Aug. 1833 at Brit. Embassy, Brussels, William Thomas Smyth, Capt. 87th Regt., son of Ralph Smyth, of the 30th Regt., by Amelia St. George his wife, dau. of Rev. Thomas Adderley Browne. W. T. Smyth died 1851-2, at Bonn, in Germany, leaving issue (for whom see Burke's *Landed Gentry*, under " Smyth of Gaybrook," co. Westmeath) ; his widow mar. Edgar Bailey, of Acton, co. M'sex, and, dying 12 Nov. 1865, in Eldon Square, Reading, was bur. at Shinfield.

RICHARD GRAY CHAMBERS, eldest son of Richard Chambers preceding, born 22 May 1804 ; of the H.E.I.C.S. ; died 16 Nov. 1839, in India. Will dated 24 Aug. 1838, when he was living at Upper Montagu St., and about to sail for Bombay ; proved 5 Nov. 1840. Mar. Sophia, dau. of —— Taylor, of Rownhams, Hants., who was born 10 Mch. 1807, died 1853, and was bur. at Abbey Church, Malvern, having had issue,

I. RICHARD CHAMBERS, born 31 Oct. 1837, of whom presently.

I. Mary Lucy Chambers, born 1830, mar. Courtenay Spry. Both went to Australia, and died some years ago in Queensland, leaving issue.

II. Emmeline Sophia Chambers, born 1833, unmard.

III. Sophia Chambers, born 1835, died unmard. ; bur. at Harrow, M'sex.

RICHARD CHAMBERS, only son of Richard Gray Chambers preceding, born 31 Oct. 1837 ; ed. Caius Coll., Camb. ; of the 8th Hussars, and afterwards Capt. 9th (Queen's) Lancers ; died 15 Mch. 1902 ; bur. at Christchurch, Hants. Mar. 1st Frances Eirene, dau. of Charles Paul, manager of Stuckey's Bank, Bristol ; she was born 1840, mar. 1860 at Clifton, died 1870, bur. at Murree, Rawalpindi, India, leaving issue,

I. Richard Augustus Courtenay Chambers, born 26 June 1863, died unmard. Mch. 1880 ; bur. at Torquay.

II. CHARLES DOUGLAS CHAMBERS, born 10 Feb. 1867, of whom presently.

I. Edith Eirene Chambers, born 5 Sept. 1865.

Richard Chambers mar. 2nd, 1885, at Bournemouth, Rose Eleanor (born 1850), dau. of George Tinling, Major R.E., and had further issue,

II. Eleanor Mary Chambers, born 16 Jan. 1887 ; mar. 10 Aug. 1907, at Cheltenham, to Alexander Shaw Griffith, M.A. Wadham Coll., Oxf., of Rathfarnham, Farnham, near Aldershot, army coach.

CHARLES DOUGLAS CHAMBERS, only surviving son of Richard Chambers preceding, born 10 Feb. 1867 ; M.A. Hertford Coll., Oxf. ; Reader in Greek at University of Birmingham. The only known living male descendant of Richard Chambers, of Farmons Green, Moseley, who mar. Jane White, *circa* 1665-70.

APPENDIX F

CAPT. JERVIS HENRY PORTER

(See *ante*, III., 109)

In my *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 236-8, I gave an account of Johnson's sailor step-son, Capt. Jervis Henry Porter, R.N., and in these *Johnsonian Gleanings*, Part I., p. 16, I added an excellent reproduction of his portrait, which I described in detail at p. 40. The following account of his naval services is taken from the *Biographia Navalis* of John Charnock [1756-1807], published 1794-8, vol. V., pp. 499-501 :—

PORTER, JERVIS HENRY,——entered into the navy about the year 1732; and, soon after the commencement of the war with Spain, was promoted to be commander of the Speedwell sloop of war: from thence he was, on April 3, 1746, advanced to be captain of the Flamborough, a twenty-gun ship. In 1748 he was appointed from this vessel to the Pensance, a 5th rate of 44 guns; in which ship he proceeded to Louisburg with a squadron, commanded by rear-admiral Watson,* and returned with him to England at the close of the year [*footnote* 1]. In the year 1755, he was made captain of the Prince Frederic of 70 guns. He was afterwards removed into the Hercules, of 74 guns, in which ship he had the fortune to fall in with a French ship of war, carrying 74 guns, called the Florissant [*footnote* 2]. The same which had some time before been engaged in the West Indies, by Captain Tyrrel, in the Buckingham. The wounds he received in this encounter, as stated beneath, compelled him to resign his command on coming into port [*footnote* 3], but he resumed it again on his recovery, and afterwards served, under the command of vice-admiral sir C. Saunders,† in the Mediterranean. We have no further account of him, except that he died on the 31st of March, 1763.‡

Below I give the three footnotes referred to :—

(1) In the month of July ensuing, he was employed in convoying the homeward bound Baltic trade from the Sound.

(2) Of this encounter captain Porter gave the following account, which we have been induced to insert at length in justice to him, and that it may be seen, though

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* Rear-admiral Charles Watson [1714-57], commodore on the North American station, 1748 (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*).

† Sir Charles Saunders, to whom he bequeathed his house in Spring Gardens, for life.

‡ The exact date of his death was lacking before. Johnson's letter sympathising with Lucy Porter on her brother's death was dated 12 Apl. 1763 (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 237).

unfortunate and unsuccessful, he behaved with a degree of gallantry and spirit highly meriting victory and conquest.——" On the 10th instant, at 8 in the morning, being in the latitude of about 46 degrees 40 minutes, steering S.E. with the wind at S.W., we saw a sail to windward, which we chased and soon after discovered her top gallant studding-sails set, and that she came down lasking* upon us. About noon the chace hoisted a blue flag at her main-top-gallant-mast head, which we answered by an English ensign at the mizen-top-mast-head (a signal which is sometimes made between two French ships of war upon meeting, after parting company). She neared us very fast, and we plainly discovered her to be a large ship of war. At 2 in the afternoon, a Dutch galliot† passing near us, we hoisted a French jack at our ensign staff, and fired a gun to leeward. At half past five, being about one mile to windward of us, and abaft our beam, coming down as before, seemingly with an intention of coming to action, as her guns were run out below, she hauled her jack down and hoisted her ensign and pendant. We shortened sail, hauled down the French jack, hoisted our colours, hauled our ports up (which were until this time down) and run our weather guns out; upon which she immediately hauled her wind and set her main-sail and stay-sails. We then discovered her to be a 74-gun ship, having 14 ports below. We made sail and stretched ahead of her and tacked, passing her to leeward. At six tacked again and stood after her: found she kept away large. We bore after her, keeping her a little upon the lee-bow to prevent her choice of engaging at a distance. About three quarters after nine, being pretty near up with her, though not near enough to engage, she put her helm hard a starboard and gave us her larboard broadside, and then keeping on as before gave us her starboard broadside. We then immediately starboarded our helm, ran right down upon her whilst she was loading her guns, and getting close to her ported our helm and began to engage, as the guns bore upon her. At half-past 10 we were so unlucky as to have our main-top-mast shot away, which she took the advantage of, and made all the sail she could from us; we did the same after her, and continued to chace until 8 the next morning, when we saw the north end of Oleron ‡ about 5 leagues distance. The chase was about 4 or 5 miles from us; finding it impossible to come up with her in so short a run, and fearing to engage ourselves with a lee-shore, having our fore-yard shot through in two places, our fore-top-sail-yard so badly wounded that when we came afterwards to reef the sail it broke, and all our sails and rigging very much shattered (at which the enemy only aimed) we left off chace and wore ship, having one man killed and two wounded, including myself, being wounded in the head by a grape shot, and having lost the use of my right leg. The officers and men behaved with the greatest spirits and alertness without the least confusion."

(3) In 1758 he commanded the Magnanima, a 3d rate, of 74 guns, in the Channel

* Lasking = " going large," sailing neither " by the wind " nor " before the wind."
† A pirate vessel.
‡ The island of Oléron is a little north of the mouth of the Gironde.

fleet, under the orders of lord Anson,* commodore Howe having removed from that ship into the Essex, for the purpose of commanding the various desultory expeditions which then took place against the coast of France. His lordship resumed his command on his return.

It is interesting to have Captain Porter's own crisp and sailor-like description of the principal action in which he was engaged. It will be noticed that the date is nowhere given, except that it was "on the 10th instant"; but we learn from the brief record of the engagement I printed in *The Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 237, that he arrived back at Plymouth, in the *Hercules*, on 23 Oct. 1759, thirteen days later.

APPENDIX G

THE HOWARD, MARTEN AND BUTT FAMILIES OF LICHFIELD

The Howards

(See *ante*, III., 70, 71, 126, 133, 174–6).

In March 1909 the late Sir George Howard Darwin, one of Charles Darwin's distinguished sons, kindly lent me a collection of MSS., mostly belonging to the latter end of the eighteenth century, relating to the great naturalist's Lichfield forbears. The Darwins, who provide one of the most remarkable instances of inherited talent, have always taken a great interest in their ancestry, as the documents referred to help to illustrate. The following of them are all in the same eighteenth century hand, but whose I do not know:—

Copied out of an Octavo Bible at Mr. Howard's—Dated 1690.
The Desire and Charge of my Dear and honoured Grandmother my Lady Turton

* To whom he left a mourning ring (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 238).

on her Death bed was that I should fear God and walk in his Wayes and make Religion my Business and be sure to get an Intrest in Christ.

Aprill ye 20, 1699.

Which by the Grace of God I will endeavour to doe.

Elizabeth Turton her Book given her by her honoured Grandmother my Lady Turton, 1699.

(And at the End is wrote inter alia)
Frances Foley her Book giveing her by her Mama.

Elizabeth, daughter of William Turton of Alrewas, and granddaughter of Sir John Turton, Baron of the Exchequer, married Paul Foley of Prestwood, and their daughter, Penelope, married Charles Howard, of Lichfield. Frances Foley, I presume, was a sister of Penelope.

Copied out of a Folio at Mr. Howard's intituled
Mossam's Preachers Tripartite.* Dated 1657.

Mar : 21–170⅝ Litchfield.

Cha : Howard and Mary his wife were marryed.

Augt. 6th, 1704.

Theophilas the first-born son of Cha : Howard was born about a quarter past 5 in the Morning being Sunday.

Jan : 3–170⅞.

Cha : Howard the second son of Cha : & Mary Howard was born being friday about 6 a clock in the Even.

This last Charles Howard was the husband of Penelope Foley : his mother Mary was eldest child of Thomas Bromley of Lichfield.

Copied from a Quarto Flitting † at Mr. Howard's,
which I suppose to have belonged to a Bible.

Thomas Bromley & Ellin his wife were marryed at ye Chappel in Litchfield upon Sunday the 6 of Maye by Mr. Isaac Simson. Ano. Domi. 1677.

Mary ye first Childe of Tho: Bromley & Ellin his wife was borne upon Wednesday ye 3 of Aprill. Ano. Dom. 1678.

Mary Bromley was married on Sunday the first of March 1703. Mrs. Howard was married July 1st 1722 to J : M :

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* *The Preachers Tripartite, in Three Books*, was published by Robert Mossom, afterwards Bishop of Derry, in 1657.

† The *N.E.D.* gives "flitting" in the sense of goods moved from one place to another : here it signifies a leaf that has become detached from its parent volume.

Elizabeth ye 2^{d} Daughter of Tho: Bromley and Ellin his wife was borne upon Mondaye ye 15 of September 1679 & was buryed August ye 21–1680.

Elizabeth ye 3^{d} Daughter of Tho. & Ellen Bromley was borne upon Sunday ye first daye of Maye aboute 2 of the Clock in ye Afternoon 1681 and died upon Tuesdaye ye 15 of March about 2 aclock in the Afternoone 1686.

Sarah Bromley was married April 27–1710.

Sarah the 4 Daughter of Tho. & Ellen Bromley was borne upon Satterday ye 5 of Maye aboute 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone 1683.

Susanna the 5 Daughter of Tho. & Ellen Bromley was borne upon Satterdaye y^{e} .....* of Maye betwixt 12 & 1 aclock in the Afternoone. Ano. Dom. 1685.

Susanna Bromley was married the first of Maye 1709.

Thomas the Sonn of Thomas & Ellen Bromley was borne upon Saterdaye ye 11 daye of June 1687 aboute 1 of the Clock in the Morning And departed this life upon Satterdaye ye 1 of Feabruary 1695 aboute eleven of the Clock in ye forenoone.

Tho: Bromley Senr. departed this Life Septr. 7th 1702.

Our transcriber had previously found another record of the family in an actual Bible:—

Copied out of a Quarto Bible at Mr. Howard's. dated 1679.

Thomas and Ellen Bromley were maryed the 6 day of Maye being Sunday at the Chappell in Lichfield by Mr. Isaac Simson.—Anno Dom: 1677.

Mary the first Daur. of Thomas and Ellen Bromley was born on Wensday the 3 of Aprill about 6 aclock in the Morning. Ano: Do: 1678.

Elizabeth the second Daughter of Thomas & Ellen Bromley was borne upon Moonday † being y^{e} 15th of September Ano: Do: 1679 And died the 21 of August Ano: Dom: 1680.

Elizabeth the third Daughter of Thomas & Ellen Bromley was borne upon Sunday being the ..... day of Maye about 2 of the Clock in the Afternoone Ano: Dom: 1681 & dyed the 15 of March about 2 afternoon upon Tusday 168$\frac{2}{3}$.

Sarah the fourth Daughter of Thomas & Ellen Bromley was born on Satterday being the 5 of Maye about 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone Ano: Dom: 1683.

Shusana the fifth Daughter of Thomas & Ellen Bromley was borne upon Satterday being the 16 daye of Maye betwixt Twelve and one in the Afternoone Ano. Dom. 1685.

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* A record of Thomas Bromley's children, in pedigree form, says that Susanna was born 16 May 1685, as indeed the next document tells us.

† This spelling suggests the local pronunciation, as exemplified in Johnson's famous "Who's for *poonsh*?" (Birkbeck Hill's *Boswell*, II., 464).

Thomas Bromley the 1 Son and 6 Child of Thomas & Ellen Bromley was borne upon Satterday about 1 of the Clock in the Morning being the 11 day of June 1687 St. Barnabas.

Thomas Bromley died ye 1 of February being Friday about.....
of.....

N.B. The lines dotted are illegible.

The Death of Thos. Bromley must allude to the Son and not to the father probably, as it is joined in same Article and written in same Hand as the rest.

Erasmus Darwin junior (born 11 Oct. 1759, died 29 Dec. 1799), second son of the great Erasmus Darwin and Mary Howard his first wife, was, as his nephew tells us (*Erasmus Darwin*, by Ernst Krause, 1879, preliminary notice by Charles Darwin, p. 83), interested in genealogy, and some of the documents, including the following, are in his handwriting :—

Extracts from St. Mary's Register. Lichfield.

1677. May 6. Marr^d. Thomas Bromley and Helin Lynden.
1703. March 1. Marr^d. Charles Howard and Mary Bromley.
1709. May 1. Marr^d. James Rose and Susanna Bromley.

April 1788. Miss Abbott said that Mrs. Sacheverell, was first Cousin to my Gr^t. Grandmo^r. Howard.—That her Maiden Name was Wilson & that her Brother was the only Mayor that ever was of Lichfield. She first marr^d. Mr. Sacheverell of [blank] nr. Sutton Coldfield—2^ndly to the celebrated Dr. Sacheverell —— & lastly to a Dr. Chambers of London.

Mrs. Howard's second Husband, Mr. Martin was an Apothecary & was father by a former wife to Mrs. Butt.

The poor Mrs. Rose, whom they used to send Dinners to, was the Widow of *a Relation* of my Grandfa^r. Howard.—by whom she had no children.

I think I have heard Mr. Howard say, that Mr. Skynner had been a Citizen in London.

The following extracts are in another hand, contemporary with the preceding :—

Cathedral Register.

1767. Augt. 18. Bur^d. W^m. Son of Erassmus Darwin M.D.
1763. Decr. 23. Bapt^d. Eliz^th. Daur. of Eras^s. Darwin M.D.
1764. Ap^l. 1. Bur^d. Eliz^th. Daur. of Eras^s. Darwin M.D.
1750. Decr. 4. Bur^d. Frances Dour. of Mr. Ch^s. Howard.
1748. Jany. 10. Bur^d. Mrs. Howard Age 40.
Bapt^d. Thos. Son of Ch^s. & Penelope Howard.
1744. July 9. Bapt^d. Frances Daur. of Ch : and Pen : Howard.

1742. Novr. 24. Bapt^{d}. Ch^{s}. Son of Ch^{s}. & Pen: Howard.
1740. Apl. 8. Bapt^{d}. Mary Daur. of Ch^{s}. and Pen: Howard.
1735. Jany 3. Bapt^{d}. Elizth. Daur. of Ch^{s}. and Pen: Howard.
Ch^{s}. Howard & Penelope Foley m^{d}. in 1734 prob^{y}. at St. Mary.

Extracts from St. Michael's Register.

1681. Decr. 9th. Bur^{d}. George Howard.
1689. June 25. Marr^{d}. Charles Howard and Esther Bateman.
1702. Septr. 21. Died Hannah Wife of Charles Howard aged 25.
1717. Novr. 26. Bur^{d}. Charles Howard.
1734. Octr. 9. Bur^{d}. George Howard.
1737. April 3. Marr^{d}. Cary Butt and Elizabeth Martin.
1738. April 13. Bur^{d}. Penelope Daur. of Mr. Ch^{s}. Howard.
15. Bur^{d}. Elizabeth Daur. of Mr. Charles Howard.
1749. March 3. Bur^{d}. Thos. Son of Mr. Charles Howard.
1750. March 21. Bur^{d}. William Son of Cary Butt.

The same person who extracted the above drew up (probably about 1771) a very sketchy pedigree of the Howards. It starts with "Charles Howard, md. 4 Wives, Burd. Novr. 26, 1717, St. Michaels." Four spaces are left for the wives, the first filled in with "Esther Bateman, md. 25 June 1689"; the second with "Hannah———, d. 21 Sept. 1702, St. Michael's, aged 25"; the third is blank; and the fourth is also blank, but its ghostly occupant is endowed with a second husband, "Mr. Martin," whose daughter is shown, "Eliz. Martin, md. 3 Apl. 1737 Cary Butt." Charles Howard who married Penelope Foley is shown as a child of the third wife. Whether Charles Howard really had four wives I do not know: the evidences I have printed account for but three, (1) Esther Bateman, whom he married at St. Michael's on 25 June 1689; (2) Hannah———, who died Sept. or Oct. 1702 and was buried at St. Michael's; and (3) Mary Bromley, whom he married six months later, on 21 Mch. 1702/3, at St. Mary's, and who survived him to marry John Martin. Apparently he had no surviving children except by Mary Bromley.

From another MS. pedigree, drawn up probably about 1800, we learn that Charles Howard the second married Penelope Foley, *at Shenstone*, on 21 May 1734, died 9 May 1771, and was buried at Lichfield Cathedral; and that Penelope was born 3 Jany. 1708, died 7 Jany. 1748, and was also buried at the Cathedral. Their children are shown as Elizabeth, born 12 Dec. 173 (*sic*, presumably 1735);

Penelope, born 1 Jany. 1737; Mary, born 12 Feb. 1740, married 30 Dec. 1757 to Erasmus Darwin, and died 30 June 1770, being "buried the South side of the East end of ye Choir, Lichfield Cathedral"; Charles Howard, born 12 Oct. 1742, married 31 Oct. 1771 at Stowe Chapel, near Lichfield (*i.e.*, St. Chad's), to Ann, daughter of William* and Ann Abbott of Hinckley, and died 24 Jany. 1791, being "buried on the South side outside the Choir of Lichfield Cathedral," his wife, baptized 6 Octr. 1738, dying 1 Feb. 1793, being "buried in the same vault"; Frances, born 8 June 1744, died 2 Dec. 1750; and Thomas, born 21 Dec. 1748, died 1 Mch. 1749.

Having now dealt with the Darwin MSS., I shall proceed to present a body of fresh and independent evidence, beginning with the following extracts from the Lichfield registers :—

ST. MARY'S.

1647. May 1. bap. Ellen, dau. of Francis Lyndon.
1649. Apl. 15. bap. John, son of Francis Lyndon.
1650. Aug. 25. bap. Elizabeth, dau. of Francis Lyndon.
1652. Oct. 18. bap. Francis, son of Francis Lyndon.
1655. July 11. bap. Susanna, dau. of Francis Lyndon.
1656. May 15. mar. Edward Wisson, curryer, and Margaret Lyndon.
1658. Apl. 13. bap. John, son of Francis Lyndon.
1658. Dec. 19. bap. Samuel, son of Edward Wilson.

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* An error for *George*. Our genealogist, Erasmus Darwin, has left notes on some deeds, which tell us that, on 31 Dec. 1765, Ann Abbot and Mary Abbot were living as spinsters, daus. of Ann Abbot, decd., by her husband, George Abbot, also decd., and nieces and co-heiresses of George Bayley, decd., who was only son and heir of John Bayley, decd. An indenture of 30 Apl. 1741 has John Bayley, of Tamworth, Staffs., gent., of one part, and George Abbott, of Hinckley, Leic., gent., of other part. Articles of agreement between Mary Ashley, of Tamworth, widow, of one part, and John Bayley, of Coleshill, Warwicks., grazier, and Mary his wife, dau. of said Mary Ashley, of other part, were dated 17 June 1724. On 10 Feb. 1719 was proved, at Lichfield, the will of William Ashley, of Tamworth, gent., dated 8 Dec. 1718, in which he bequeathed his estates to his wife Mary for life, and then to his son and dau. An indenture of 24 May 1676 between Edward Ashley, of Tamworth, gent., and William Ashley his son and heir apparent and Mary his wife of one part, and John Babington, of Curborough, Staffs., esqr., made a settlement on William Ashley and his wife. A note by Erasmus Darwin says, "N.B. Wm. Ashley md. Mary Babington, spinster." The will of Edward Ashley, gent., dated 13 Mch. 1676 and proved 10 Dec. 1677, mentions his son William and grandson Edward Ashley, as well as daus. and their children. On 20 Mch. 1634 Thomas Ashley, of Tamworth, gent., and Ann his wife, settled certain property after their death to use of his eldest son, Edward Ashley, with remainder to his younger son, Robert Ashley.

1665. Mch. 30. bap. Mary, dau. of Edward Wilson.
1676. Oct. 5. bur. Samuel, son of Mr. Edward Wilson.
1679. Sep. 16. bap. Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Bromley.
1681. May 12. bap. Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Bromley.
1681/2. Feb. 2. mar. George Sacheverell, Esq., and Mrs. Mary Wilson.
1683. May 17. bap. Sarah, dau. of Thomas Bromley.
1685. May 28. bap. Susannah, dau. of Thomas Bromley.
1687. June 18. bap. Thomas, son of Thomas Bromley.
1687. Oct. 9. mar. William Bayley and Elizabeth Lindon.
1689/90. Mch. 7. bap. Mary, dau. of Mr. Charles Howart.
1694/5. Feb. 21. bap. Catherine, dau. of John Lindon.
1697. Apl. 11. mar. Samuel Emery and Shusanna Lindon.
1699. Oct. 18. bur. Edward Wilson, gent.
1702/3. Mch. 21. mar. Charles Howard and Mary Bromley.
1704. Aug. 24. bap. Theophilus, son of Charles Howard.
1706/7. Jan. 21. bap. Charles, son of Mr. Charles Howard.
1709. May 1. mar. James Rose and Susannah Bromley.
1710. June 1. bap. Thomas, son of James Rose.
1710. Dec. 9. bur. Margaret Wilson, widow.
1712/13. Mch. 21. bap. Mary, dau. of Mr. James Rose.
1714. Mch. 25. bap. Elizabeth, dau. of James Rose.
1715/16. Mch. 1. bap. Charles, son of James Rose.
1716/17. Feb. 12. bap. Susannah, dau. of James Rose.
1718. June 8. bap. James, son of Mr. James Rose.
1722. July 1. mar. Mr. John Martin and Mrs. Mary Howord.
1757. Dec. 30. mar. Erasmus Darwin, Dr. of Phisic, of St. Mary's, Lichfield, and Miss Mary Howard, of the Close, Lichfield, *lic.*

ST. MICHAEL'S.

1682. Dec. 16. bur. Eleanor, wife of Francis Lyndon.
1689. June 25. mar. Charles Howard and Hester Bateman.
1695. Nov. 30. bur. Francis Lyndon.
1695/6. Feb. 2. bur. Thomas, son of Thomas Bromley.
1702. Sep. 10. bur. Thomas Bromley, St. Mary's.
1702. Oct. 22. bur. Hannah, wife of Charles Howard.
1708. Aug. 29. bur. Theophilus, son of Charles Howard.
1712/13. Mch. 22. bur. Mary, dau. of James Rose.
1715. Apl. 7. bur. Mr. William Baley, St. Mary's.
1715. Aug. 26. bur. Elizabeth Bromley, widow.
1716/17. Mch. 12. bur. Elizabeth Baley, widow.
1717. Nov. 26. bur. Charles Howard.
1718. Sep. 17. bur. Susannah, wife of James Rose.
1721/2. Jan. 16. bur. James, son of James Rose.
1729. Aug. 26. bur. Susannah Emery, widow.
1738. Apl. 13. bur. Pennellopey, dau. of Mr. Howard.

1738. Apl. 14. mar. James Rose and Mary Rowley.
1738. Apl. 15. bur. Elizabeth, dau. of Mr. Howard.
1739. July 2. mar. William Manford and Susannah Rose.
1748/9. Mch. 3. bur. A child of Mr. Charles Howard.
1750. May 20. bur. Mr. James Rose, St. Mary's.

ST. CHAD'S.

1678. Apl. 17. bap. Mary, dau. of Thomas Bromley.
1684/5. Jan. 16. bap. (*blank*), dau. of Francis Lyndon.
1686. Oct. 4. mar. John Bartlett and Eleanor Lyndon.
1687. July 18. bap. William, son of John Bartlett.
1692/3. Feb. 23. mar. John Lyndon and Margaret Johnson.
1695. Nov. 30. bur. Francis Lyndon, bur. at St. Michael's.
1695. Dec. 11. bur. Sarah Lyndon, bur. at the Minster.
1771. Oct. 31. mar. Mr. Charles Howard and Miss Ann Abbott, both of the Close, Lichfield. Wits., Mary Abbott, James Falconer. *lic.*

The following wills and admons. help very much to extend our knowledge of the families in question :—

FRANCIS LYNDON, jun., of Lichfield. Admon. granted 21 May 1685, at Lichfield, to Ellen Lyndon, widow and relict, who was bound with Richard Whitehouse, of Wirley Magna, husbandman, for tuition of Jane Lyndon, dau. of decd., a minor. Inventory (indicating that he was a husbandman), dated 21 May 1685; total, £124-19-0. Appraisers, Roger Wright and William Whitehouse.

EDWARD WILSON, of Lichfield, gent. Will dated 18 Sep. 1699. To be bur. as extrix. thinks meet and convenient. Margarett my wife has been very careful, industrious and diligent, and has taken a great deal of pains and care with me in getting together the estate I now enjoy, so I give her all my lands, etc., for life, then to my only dau. Mary, wife of George Sacheverell, of New Hall, co. War., esq. To said wife, use of all goods, cattle, etc., for life and then to said dau. Wife Margaret sole extrix. Wits., Thomas Bromley, Will. Bayley, Sara Rayner. Proved 13 June 1700, in P.C.C. (Noel 91), by Margaret Wilson, relict.

THOMAS BROMLEY, of Lichfield, yeo. Will dated 20 Dec. 1701. To wife Ellen, for life, all my messes., dwelling houses, etc., with appurts., in Lichfield, she to keep same in repair. To dau. Mary Bromley, £60. To dau. Sarah Bromley, £30. After wife's decease, mess. with garden at Greenhill, purchased of John Cheaney, to said dau. Sarah Bromley, and three dwelling houses there purchased of Edward Ward. To dau. Susannah Bromley, £30, and, after wife's decease, my dwelling house in Tamworth Street, near the Stone Cross, which I hold of Vicars Choral of Cathedral, as well as two acres of arable land in Smithfield, in co. of said city. Wife to maintain and keep two daus. Sarah and Susannah Bromley, until their £30 apiece shall be paid. To poor of Lichfield, 33s/-. Rest of money,

bills, etc., and personal estate, to wife Ellen, she to be extrix. Wits., Will. Bayley, jun., Francis Kent, Isaac Hinckley. Inventory dated 29 Sep. 1702; total, £19–7–0. Proved 17 Oct. 1702, at Lichfield, by extrix.

JANE LYNDON, of Lichfield, spinster. Will dated 18 Oct. 1706. Very sick and weak in body, etc. To be bur. at discretion of exor. To three sisters, £5 each, to be paid out of barn in Bacon Street within 12 months after mother's death, on condition that said mother deliver writings concerning said barn to some friend in trust for good of her and aunt Bayley, and keep barn in good repair. After mother's decease, said barn and premises to aunt Mrs. Bayley, to dispose of as she thinks fit. To uncle and aunt, Mr. Wm. Bayley and his wife, 10s/- each for rings, and make him exor. Wits. James Webb, Francis Kent, Johanna × Williams. Inventory undated; money due from John Bartlett, £10, and wearing apparel, £3; total £13. Proved 19 Jan. 1709/10, at Lichfield, by Wm. Bayley, sole exor.

MARGARET WILSON, of Lichfield, widow. Will dated 9 Feb. 1708/9. Of indifferent health of body. Bur. at discretion of dau., Mary Sacheverell, wife of George Sacheverell, of Newhall, co. War., esq. To Lichfield poor, 50s/- in bread. To brother William Bayley and cousin Charles Howard, 21s/- each for rings, or what else they please to wear for my sake, and nominate them exors. to stand for life of and after decease of said George Sacheverell. To cousin Mary, wife of said Charles Howard, £10 for piece of plate. To said dau. Sacheverell, for her own use, all household goods, plate, rings, debts and ready money. To son and dau. Sacheverell, for their joint lives, rents of houses, lands and tenements at Wolverhampton, held by lease, and interest of all money on mortgage, my exors. to receive same in trust for them. If dau. survive husband, then exorship. of said Wm. Bayley and Charles Howard to cease and said dau. to become sole extrix., to whom I give all my leases and mortgages and all other personal estate. If she die before said husband, then my leases, etc., to such person or persons as said dau. shall appoint by her last will, etc., and for want of such disposition then I give to John Wilson of Fillongley, 40s/- a year for life. To Thomas and Mary, his children, £20 each. To Mary Saunders, Cordelia Saunders and Edward Saunders, children of Sarah Saunders of Coleshill, £20 each. To Abigail Wilson *alias* [blank], sister of said John Wilson, £10. To Sarah and Susannah Bromley, of Lichfield, £20 each. To Francis and Sarah Kent, £20 each. To Margaret Bayley, dau. of Robert Bayley, jun., of Cannock Wood, £10, and to each of her brothers and sisters, £5 each. To Wm. Batman, £5. To all my sisters living, 21s/- each. Rest of estate to cousin Mary Howard and her children. Wits., Edwd. Lloyd, Sarah Rayner, R. Wakefield. Codicil dated 3 Dec. 1710. To son-in-law George Sacheverell, £60 he hath now in hand, to buy him mourning. Whereas I have given £10 to cousin Mary Howard to buy her plate, now I also give £30 to her son Charles Howard, to be put out for him by his father to be applied towards putting him out in the world. To kinsman Charles Howard, interest of £100 for two years from time of my decease for the trouble and charge I have occasioned him and his family during the time of my weakness.

To two kinswomen, Catherine Lyndon and Mary Lyndon, 21s/- each for rings. Wits., Ann Corley and R. Wakefield. Inventory dated 9 Apl. 1711, by John Rathbone and Hy. Bromsgrove ; total, £801-12-3. Proved 29 May 1711, at Lichfield, by Wm. Bayley and Charles Howard.

WILLIAM BAYLEY, the elder, of Lichfield, gent. Will dated 20 July 1711. To wife Elizabeth Bayley, my barn, with garden, in Baker's Lane, in Lichfield ; also my money, bonds, bills, goods, etc., and all personal estate whatsoever, for her life, and then as to half thereof to my wife to dispose of at her own will, and other half thereof to my own " next relations " to be divided equally amongst them. To poor of Lichfield, £5. Wife to be sole extrix., and cousin Mr. Thomas Deakin, of Lichfield, and kinsman Charles Howard of same, overseers. Wits., Isaack Hinckley, Mary×Lovatt, Thomas Hinckley. Memorandum 30 Mch. 1715, by Charles Howard, that decd. informed him that the " next relations " mentioned in will were : William, Allen Bayley's son, his house and barn, and £20 at death of wife ; two of Mrs. Buckeradge's children, £5 apiece ; William Bayley, Thomas Bayley's son, £5 ; Richard Copstock, £5 ; William Bayley, William Bayley's son and dau., £5 apiece ; two country relations, £5 apiece ; Mr. Thomas Deakin's son, £5 ; and Mr. Francis Bayley's dau.,* £5. Proved 30 Apl. 1715, at Lichfield, by Elizabeth Bayley, widow, sole extrix.

CHARLES HOWARD, of Lichfield, clothworker. Will dated 21 June 1716. To be bur. at discretion of exors. To son, Charles Howard, £200 to be paid as follows : £100 to be paid by my exors. towards placing him to some trade or employment at their discretion, and £100 when he shall arrive at 21, and not before. Rest of real and personal estate to loving wife Mary Howard, and appoint her exor. with Mrs. Mary Sacheverell, wife of Rev. Dr. Henry Sacheverell, Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn, London. Wits., Francis Kent, Elizabeth Cowley and Tho. Duncombe. Proved 13 Jan. 1717/18, at Lichfield, by Mary Howard, one of the exors., power reserved for other exor.

ELIZABETH BAYLEY, of Lichfield, widow of William Bayley, of same place, gent. Will dated 3 Oct. 1716. In perfect health, etc. To be bur. in churchyard of St. Michael's, Lichfield, by husband. To sister, Susannah Emery, £5. To Charles Howard, son ot Charles Howard, of Lichfield, clothworker, £5. To nephew, Samuel Kent, 50s/-. To William Battman, of Lichfield, weaver, 50s/-. To poor of Lichfield, £3-0-0. To brother John Lyndon, 3 acres of land in Muncksley, within city of Lichfield, for life, then to Catherine and Mary Lyndon,

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* In a letter of 19 Mch. 1782, Johnson asks Lucy Porter to give his compliments to " my old friend Hetty Baily " (Birkbeck Hill's *Boswell*, IV., 143). Francis Bayley, of Lichfield, gent., in his will dated 12 July 1710 and proved at Lichfield 10 Oct. 1710, leaves £400 to his dau. Hester at 21, the interest meanwhile to educate her. She was his dau. by his second mar., in 1695, to Ann Hinckley, but seems to have derived her name from his first wife Hester, dau. of John Harris, Keeper of the Castle of Worcester, whom he mar. in 1677 and lost in 1682. " Mrs. Esther Baily " was bur. at St. Michael's, Lichfield, on 2 Oct. 1785.

his daus. All wearing apparel and linen to be distributed amongst relatives at discretion of exors. Rest of personal estate, after payment of debts, etc., to be divided into 5 parts, one part to nephew Charles Howard and Mary his wife, another to James Rose, of Lichfield, watchmaker, and Susannah his wife, another to Daniel Skinner, of London, silversmith, and Sarah his wife, another to nephew Francis Kent, and another to Sarah Kent his sister. Exors., nephews, Charles Howard and Francis Kent. Wits., Will. Robinson, George Howard. Proved 29 Mch. 1718, at Lichfield, by Francis Kent, the other exor. dead.

SUSANNAH EMERY, of Lichfield, widow. Will dated 17 Nov. 1721. "In perfect and disposing mind." All goods, chattels, and personal estate, to cousin Mistress Mary Martin, wife of Mr. John Martin, of Lichfield, apothecary, for her sole and separate use and benefit, and make her sole extrix., and if she die before me or refuse to act, then I appoint her son Mr. Charles Howard exor., and if I survive his mother, then all my personal estate to him. Signed, Suz. Emery. Wits., Brian Harding, John Biddle, M. Martin. Proved 30 Nov. 1730, at Lichfield, by Mary Martin.

CHARLES CHAMBERS, of Trumpington, co. Camb., gent. Will dated 26 Nov. 1748. To be bur. in burial ground of St. George, Bloomsbury, London, near grave of dear last wife. To Charles Howard, gent., proctor in court at Lichfield, £100. To late servant, Mary Simmonds, 20s/-. To sister, Elizabeth Wilkin, of Cambridge, widow, £20 a year for life. To only dau. Elizabeth, wife of George Mackenzie, esq., all personal estate and appoint her extrix., and give her all my copyhold premises in Oundle, Northants., which I had from Mr. Howell, father of my first wife, who was mother of said dau. "And whereas I have great Reason to believe that my said Daughter is in great Danger of being put to great Expence and Trouble if not of loosing great part of her Estate by means of the Artifices, long laid Designs, and Contrivances of Mr. Bartholomew Wortley, formerly a senr. Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, and now of Brattle Flemming, co. Devon, carried on by him the said Wortley for above forty years now last past and now seemingly encouraged if not Jointly carried on by him & by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Ely,"* now to assist her to defend herself I give her my moiety of the Manor of Callow *alias* Cawley, co. Derby, and the lands thereto belonging, and all my messes. and lands near Limm, co. Chester, and Lichfield and Whittington, co. Staff., Wilden, co. Bed., and Terrington, co. Norfolk. Wits., Thos. Arbuthnot, Thos. Johnson, James Day. Proved 1 June 1749, in P.C.C. (Lisle 174), by extrix. named.

CHARLES HOWARD, of Close of Lichfield, gent. Will dated 6 July 1770. To son Charles, £1000, in trust for grandchildren, Charles, Erasmus and Robert Darwin, at 21, and money owing me from Dr. Darwin to be added to same.

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* Robert Butts [1684-1748] was Bishop of Ely from 1738 to death on 26 Jan. 1747/8, when he was followed by Sir Thomas Gooch [1674-1754], 2nd bart. The reference must be to the latter, who was Master of Caius College 1716-54 (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*).

To Dr. Darwin, £10-10-0. To servant, Mary Tompson, £10. Resid. legatee and exor., son Charles Howard, and if he leave no issue, then freehold estate shall go to Charles Darwin afsd., and personal estate to Charles, Erasmus and Robert Darwin. Wits., Theophila Buckeridge, Wm. Mott, W. Buckeridge. Proved 6 Nov. 1771, in P.C.C. (Trevor 441), by exor. Admon. of goods, etc., left unadministered by exor., decd., granted 28 Sep. 1816, in P.C.C., to Frederick Pinkerton, of Chancery Lane, London, gent., on behalf of Thomas Edward Dicey, of Sunning Hill, Berks., esq., limited as to £1000 and lands, etc., in Ullesthorpe, Great Ashby, and Little Ashby, co. Leic., for residue of term of 1000 years vested in Richard Davis and Charles Howard the father, by indenture dated 16 Mch. 1735. Charles Howard, the father, survived his co-trustee, Richard Davis.

CHARLES HOWARD, of Close of Lichfield, gent. Will dated 26 Jan. 1776. To wife Ann, £100. To sister Abbott, £50. To Dr. Darwin, for whom I have great regard, £50. To his three sons, my nephews, £100 each at 21. All real estate to wife, she to educate and maintain dau. Mary Ann, and after wife's death to said dau., and if she die before 21, then my lands, etc., in Hinckley, co. Leic., to nephews, Charles, Erasmus and Robert Waring Darwin. Exors., wife and Francis Robinson, of Lichfield, to whom I give £20. Wits., Will. Buckeridge, James Wickins, Wm. Bond. Proved 4 Apl. 1791, in P.C.C. (Bevor 180), by Ann Howard, widow, Francis Robinson renouncing. Admon. granted 28 June 1809, in P.C.C., to Dame Mary Ann Wilmot, wife of Sir Robert Wilmot, bart., dau. of decd., Ann the relict being dead.

At the time of the Lichfield census of 1695 (see *ante*, III., 18), there were two "Lindon" households in Beacon Street :—(1) "Francis Lindon, 72, Sarah Lindon his Daughter, 37"; and (2) "Willm. Lindon, 65, Ann his wife, 33 (2d. wife qy.), Sarah his Daughter, 30, James, 6, Tho., 5, Edwd, 2, Sons." * In Bore Street lived Francis Lyndon's eldest daughter and her husband :—"Edwd. Willson, gent., reputed 60, Justice of ye peace for ye Citty & County ; Margt. his wife, 56 ; Fra. Bailey, 17, Phœbe Raynors, 20 odd, servnts." In Bore Street, too, we find his second daughter :—"Tho. Bromley, 57, Ellin his wife, 50, Tho. their son, 9, Sarah, 11, Susan, 6, their Daughters." It will be noticed that Mary Bromley, born 3 Apl. 1678, who married Charles

* I expect William Lyndon was Francis's brother. Ann was his second wife, as the census taker suggests ; his first, Margaret, was bur. 9 Dec. 1669 at St. Chad's, Lichfield. By Ann he had four children bap. at St. Chad's, James, 19 Sep. 1688, Thomas, 20 Feb. 1691/2, Edward, 24 Jan. 1694/5, and Sarah, 2 July 1696. John Curson and Mary Lyndon were mar. at St. Chad's, 30 Nov. 1668 ; and James Bateman and Sarah Lyndon on 16 Feb. 1670/1 ; while the register also records the mar. on 3 Aug. 1697, at the "Minster," of Francis Rowley and Margaret Lyndon. An Elizabeth Lyndon was bur. at St. Michael's on 27 Dec. 1684.

Howard in 1703 and ancestored the Darwins, was not a member of the household. But there were two of her names enumerated, one a "servant, 20 odd," in the household of George Marshall in Bread Street, and the other, also a "servant, 20 odd," in the household of William Marshall in Conduit Street. Perhaps, as the census took some weeks to compile, Mary Bromley was enumerated twice over. "Servant," of course, must not be interpreted as it would be to-day, especially as it was the term to cover every kind of employment. In Tamworth Street dwelt her future husband and his then wife:—"Cha. Howard, 23, Hannah his wife, 19." The only other Howards in the town were "George Howard, journeyman, 18,"* in the household of Isaac Matchitt in Sadler Street, and "Tho. Howard, servant, 18," in the household of Allen Bailey, in Conduit Street.

Miss Abbot,† as we have seen (*ante*, p. 99) told young Erasmus Darwin in 1788 that Henry Sacheverell's wife was first cousin to his great-grandmother Mary Bromley [1678–1737], who married Charles Howard for her first husband and John Marten for her second; and this, rather surprisingly, is proved to be correct in the pedigree that follows, which fully establishes the connexion between the celebrated preacher's wife and the Lichfield forbears of the Howards and Darwins. But Miss Abbot's further statement was that Mrs. Sacheverell's maiden name was Wilson, and that her "Brother was the only Mayor that ever was of Lichfield." The local celebrity in question was her *father*, Edward Wilson, Sheriff of Lichfield in 1667, Junior Bailiff in 1671, Senior Bailiff in 1677 and 1684, Mayor in 1687 until removed by an order of the Privy Council, and Senior Bailiff again in 1688 and 1693 (Harwood's *Lichfield*, pp. 428–30). When James II. came to Lichfield, on 31 Aug. 1687,‡ Edward Wilson received him, as Mayor, and presented

* George, son of George Howard, was bap. 15 June 1673 at St. Mary's, Lichfield, and "George Howard" bur. at St. Michael's on 9 Dec. 1681. Another "George Howard" was bur. 9 Oct. 1734 at St. Michael's. I cannot say whether they were akin to Charles Howard, who does not seem to have been bap. at Lichfield.

† In St. Chad's, Lichfield, is a small monument to Mary Abbot, who died 20 May 1791 (Harwood's *Lichfield*, p. 507), presumably Erasmus Darwin's informant and the younger sister of Ann Abbot [1738-94], who married Charles Howard the third.

‡ In reference to James "touching" some of the afflicted, in the Cathedral, on this very day, it is interesting to find from the St. Mary's registers that, on 29 Aug. 1687, Margery Simpson, aged about 27, had a certificate from the minister and churchwardens "to be cured of the Disease Commonly called King's Evil."

him with a purse containing £107-10-0, as a present from the Corporation (*ibid.*, pp. 308–9). His removal from office, on 18 Mch. 1687/8, followed the granting of a new charter, which was, however, annulled on 25 Oct. 1688, when he, having been Senior Bailiff when the previous charter was surrendered, was re-instated in that office (*ibid.*, pp. 348–51). He does not appear, however, to have been "the only Mayor that ever was," for Thomas Hammond and Francis Bayly also held the office during the interregnum (*ibid.*, p. 429). A half-length portrait of Edward Wilson hung in Richard Wright's Museum (see *ante*, II., 57).

Here, then, is the pedigree :—

FRANCIS LYNDON, of Beacon Street,* Lichfield ; aged "72" in 1695 (he must have been about 80) ; bur. 30 Nov. 1695 at St. Michael's, Lichfield ; mar. Eleanor ——, who was also bur. at St. Michael's, on 16 Dec. 1682, and had issue,

I. John Lyndon ; bap. 15 Apl. 1649 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; probably died young.

II. Francis Lyndon, bap. 18 Oct. 1652 at St. Mary's, Lichfield. Admon. of estate of F. L., jun., of Lichfield, granted 21 May 1685, at Lichfield, to Ellen the relict, who (as Eleanor Lyndon) perhaps re-mar. John Bartlett, on 4 Oct. 1686, at St. Chad's, Lichfield, and had William Bartlett, bap. 18 July 1687 at St. Chad's. F. L., jun., had issue one child,

Jane Lyndon, bap. 16 Jan. 1684/5 at St. Chad's. "Jane Lindon, 14," was living in Beacon Street in 1695, in the household of Richard Cookes. Died unmar. Will dated 18 Oct. 1706, proved 19 Jan. 1709/10 at Lichfield ; in it she mentions her mother, and her three sisters, who may have been daus. of her mother's second mar.

III. John Lyndon ; bap. 13 Apl. 1658 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; living 3 Oct. 1716 ; mar. Margaret Johnson at St. Chad's, on 23 Feb. 1692/3, and had issue,

a. Catherine Lyndon, bap. 21 Feb. 1694/5 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; living 3 Oct. 1716 unmar.

b. Mary Lyndon ; living unmar. 3 Oct. 1716.

I. Margaret Lyndon ; mar. 15 May 1656, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, to Edward Wilson, currier, Sheriff of Lichfield in 1667, Junior Bailiff 1671, Senior Bailiff 1677 and 1684, Mayor in 1687, Senior Bailiff in 1688 and 1693 ; J.P. Lichfield ; living in Bore Street in 1695, "reputed 60" ; bur. 18 Oct. 1699 at St. Mary's. Will dated 18 Sep. 1699, proved 13 June 1700 in P.C.C. His wife, aged 56 in 1695, survived him, and was bur.

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* He was Mr. Francis Lindon of Bacon Street in 1674 (Harwood's *Lichfield*, p. 391).

9 Dec. 1710 at St. Mary's; her will, dated 9 Feb. 1708/9, with codicil of 3 Dec. 1710, was proved 29 May 1711 at Lichfield. They had issue,

1. Samuel Wilson, bap. 19 Dec. 1658 and bur. 5 Oct. 1676, at St. Mary's.

1. Mary Wilson, bap. 30 Mch. 1665 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; mar. there 1st, on 2 Feb. 1681/2, to George Sacheverell, of Callow, par. of Wirksworth, co. Derby, and of New Hall, co. War.; son of Valens Sacheverell, of New Hall and Callow, by Ann his wife, dau. of Sir George Devereux. He was born about 1632; matric. 6 June 1651 at Oriel Coll., Oxf.; student of Gray's Inn 1652; some time resident at Nottingham; High Sheriff of Derbyshire in 1712. He had mar. 1st, Lucy, his first cousin (their fathers having been bastards of Henry Sacheverell and Elizabeth Keyes), dau. of Ferdinando Sacheverell (by Lucy his wife, dau. of Sir Henry Hastings), and widow of —— Danett, who left no issue. He had no issue, either, by Mary Wilson, his second wife, and died 18 May 1715, aged 83, being bur. 24 May 1715 at Sutton Coldfield. His widow Mary mar. 2nd, 6 June 1716, at Curdworth, co. War.,* the celebrated Henry Sacheverell [1674?-1724], D.D., who was not akin to her first husband. After Dr. Sacheverell's death in 1724, she took a third husband, Charles Chambers, and died 6 Sep. 1739, aged 75, being bur. at St. George's, Bloomsbury. The will of Charles Chambers, of Trumpington, co. Camb., gent., was dated 26 Nov. 1748 and proved 1 June 1749 in P.C.C.; in it he asked to be bur. at St. George's, Bloomsbury, near his "dear last wife." He died 20 May 1749, aged 88, and was bur. as he desired.†

II. ELLEN LYNDON, of whom presently, as wife of Thomas Bromley.

III. Elizabeth Lyndon, bap. 25 Aug. 1650 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; mar. there 9 Oct. 1687 to William Bayley, "the elder," of Chapel Lane, Lichfield, gent., who was bur. 7 Apl. 1715 at St. Michael's, Lichfield, his will, dated 20 July 1711, being proved 30 Apl. 1715 at Lichfield. She died without issue, and was bur. 12 Mch. 1716/17 at St. Michael's, her will, dated 3 Oct. 1716, being proved 29 Mch. 1718 at Lichfield.

IV. Susanna Lyndon, bap. 11 July 1655 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; mar. 11 Apl. 1697 at St. Mary's, to Samuel Emery,‡ of Lichfield, and died a

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* The Rev. Lancelot Mitchell has sent me the following extract from Curdworth register:—"The Reverend Dr. Sacheverell, Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn, London, and Mrs. Mary Sacheverell, relict of George Sacheverell, Esq., of New Hall in the parish of Sutton Coldfield, were married June the 6th, 1716."

† Information of these various Sacheverell connexions, apart from the evidences I have printed, I have derived from Nichols's *Leicestershire*, III., 509, 510, 513, 1140; Glover's *Derbyshire*, II., 189-90; Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*; and *Dict. Nat. Biog.* The parentage of Dr. Sacheverell's wife has never been elucidated before.

‡ The will of Samuel Emery, the elder, of Lichfield, tailor, dated 28 Jan. 1702/3, and proved 27 Nov. 1705 at Lichfield, mentions his son Samuel, who, however, was only 19 in 1695, when Susanna Lyndon would be 40.

widow, without issue, being bur. 26 Aug. 1729 at St. Michael's. Her will, dated 17 Nov. 1721, was proved 30 Nov. 1730, at Lichfield.

V. Sarah Lyndon, living unmar., with her father, in 1695, aged 37 ; probably bur. 11 Dec. 1695 at Lichfield Cathedral.

ELLEN LYNDON, second dau. of Francis Lyndon preceding, bap. 1 May 1647 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; mar. 6 May 1677, at St. Mary's, to Thomas Bromley, of Bore Street, Lichfield, yeo. He was aged 57 in 1695, and she " 50." He died 7 Sep. and was bur. 10 Sep. 1702 at St. Michael's, where she, who survived him, was perhaps bur. 26 Aug. 1715. By him, whose will, dated 20 Dec. 1701, was proved 17 Oct. 1702 at Lichfield, she had issue,

I. Thomas Bromley, born 11 June 1687 ; bap. 18 June 1687 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; died 1 Feb., bur. 2 Feb. 1695/6, at St. Michael's.

I. MARY BROMLEY, of whom presently as wife 1st of Charles Howard and 2nd of John Marten.

II. Elizabeth Bromley, born 15 Sep. 1679 ; bap. 16 Sep. 1679 at St. Mary's ; bur. 21 Aug. 1680.

III. Elizabeth Bromley, born 1 May 1681 ; bap. 12 May 1681 at St. Mary's ; died 15 Mch. 1686/7.

IV. Sarah Bromley, born 5 May 1683 ; bap. 17 May 1683 at St. Mary's ; mar. 27 Apl. 1710, probably to Daniel Skinner, of London, silversmith, who with his wife Sarah was living 3 Oct. 1716.

V. Susanna Bromley, born 16 May 1685 ; bap. 28 May 1685 at St. Mary's ; mar. 1 May 1709 at St. Mary's, to James Rose, of St. Mary's, Lichfield, watchmaker, and was bur. 17 Sep. 1718 at St. Michael's. He probably mar. 2nd, 14 Apl. 1738 at St. Michael's, Mary Rowley, and was. bur. at St. Michael's 20 May 1750, having had issue by Susanna,

a. Thomas Rose, bap. 1 June 1710 at St. Mary's.

b. Mary Rose, bap. 21 Mch. 1712/13 at St. Mary's ; bur. 22 Mch. 1712/13 at St. Michael's.

c. Elizabeth Rose, bap. 25 Mch. 1714 at St. Mary's.

d. Charles Rose, bap. 1 Mch. 1715/16 at St. Mary's.

e. Susanna Rose, bap. 12 Feb. 1716/17 at St. Mary's ; mar. 2 July 1739, at St. Michael's, to Wm. Manford.

f. James Rose, bap. 8 June 1718 at St. Mary's ; bur. 16 Jan. 1721/2 at St. Michael's.

MARY BROMLEY, eldest dau. of Ellen Lyndon preceding and her husband Thomas Bromley ; born 3 Apl. 1678 ; bap. 17 Apl. 1678 at St. Chad's, Lichfield ;*

* Mr. Homer tells me that Dame Katherine Littleton, of Lichfield, in her will dated 8 Apl. 1691, proved 5 Sep. 1692 at Lichfield, mentions " Coz. Mary Bromley and " the ring given me by her mother."

mard. 1st, 21 Mch. 1702/3, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, to Charles Howard, of Tamworth Street, Lichfield, clothworker; and 2nd, 1 July 1722, at St. Mary's, to John Marten, of Lichfield, apothecary, for whom see *post*, p. 122. She was bur. 27 Oct. 1737 at St. Mary's. Charles Howard had previously been mar., 25 June 1689, at St. Michael's, to Esther Bateman, their dau. Mary Howard, who evidently died young, being bap. 7 Mch. 1689/90 at St. Mary's; and again to Hannah ——, who, aged 19, was living with him, aged 23, in Tamworth Street, in 1695. This wife Hannah was bur. in 1702, aged 25, at St. Michael's, and six or seven months later he mar. Mary Bromley, as above. Sheriff of Lichfield in 1716, he was bur. 26 Nov. 1717 at St. Michael's, and his will, dated 21 June 1716, was proved 13 Jan. 1717/18 at Lichfield. By his wife Mary Bromley he had issue an elder son Theophilus Howard, born 6 Aug. 1704, bap. 24 Aug. 1704 at St. Mary's, and bur. 29 Aug. 1708 at St. Michael's; and a younger son,

CHARLES HOWARD, a proctor in the Ecclesiastical Court of Lichfield, and resident in the Close; born 3 Jan. 1706/7; bap. 21 Jan. 1706/7 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; mar. 21 May 1734, at Shenstone, to Penelope (born 3 Jan. 1708), dau. of Paul Foley, of Prestwood, Staffs. (son of Philip Foley, of Prestwood, M.P., by Penelope his wife, dau. of William, 5th Lord Paget), by Elizabeth his wife, dau. of William Turton, of Alrewas (son of Sir John Turton, Baron of the Exchequer). Mrs. Howard died 7 Jan. 1748/9, and was bur. at Lichfield Cathedral, where her husband, who died 9 May 1771, was also laid. His will, dated 6 July 1770, was proved 6 Nov. 1771 in P.C.C. He had issue by Penelope Foley,

I. CHARLES HOWARD, born 12 Oct. 1742, of whom presently.

II. Thomas Howard, born 21 Dec. 1748; bap. 10 Jan. 1748/9 at Lichfield Cathedral; died 1 Mch. 1748/9; bur. 3 Mch. at St. Michael's.

I. Elizabeth Howard, born 12 Dec. 1735; bap. 3 Jan. 1735/6 at Lichfield Cathedral; bur. 15 Apl. 1738 at St. Michael's.

II. Penelope Howard, born 1 Jan. 1737/8; bur. 13 Apl. 1738 at St. Michael's.

III. Mary Howard, born 12 Feb. 1740 ("in the great Frost"—MS. pedigree of Darwin); bap. 8 Apl. 1740 at Lichfield Cathedral; mar. 30 Dec. 1757, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, to Erasmus Darwin [1731-1802], the celebrated philosopher, physician and poet, by whom she was grandmother of Charles Darwin, who derived his Christian name, through an uncle, from the Howards, and attached their surname to his son, Sir George Howard Darwin. She died 30 June 1770, and was bur. in Lichfield Cathedral.

IV. Frances Howard, born 8 June 1744; bap. 9 July 1744 at Lichfield Cathedral; died 2 Dec. 1750; bur. at Cathedral.

CHARLES HOWARD, elder and only surviving son of Charles Howard preceding and Penelope his wife; born 12 Oct. 1742; bap. 24 Nov. 1742 at Lichfield Cathedral; mar. 31 Oct. 1771, at St. Chad's, Lichfield, to Ann (bap. 6 Oct. 1738), elder dau. of George Abbot, of Hinckley, Leic., gent., by Ann his wife, dau. of

John Bayley, of Coleshill and Tamworth, co. War., gent., by Mary his wife, dau. of William Ashley, of Tamworth, gent. Charles Howard, who followed his father in the law, was of Lichfield Close, and afterwards of Pipe Grange, near Lichfield. He died 24 Jan. 1791 (will dated 26 Jan. 1776, proved 4 Apl. 1791 in P.C.C.), and Ann, his widow, on 1 Feb. 1794, aged 55, both being bur. in same vault in choir of Lichfield Cathedral, leaving issue an only dau. and heir,

> Mary Anne Howard, born 29 Dec. 1775 ; mar. 4 May 1795 at Morley, co. Derby (as his second wife), Sir Robert Wilmot, 2nd bart. of Osmaston, co. Derby. He died 23 July 1834, aged 82, at The Park, Great Malvern, and was bur. at Osmaston. She died 18 Oct. 1862, at Rose Bank, Malvern, and was bur. at Osmaston, leaving issue, for whom see Burke's *Peerage*.

It will be noticed that Charles Howard [1707–71], by success in his profession, and his marriage to Penelope Foley, raised the status of his family. Being an only child he probably inherited a decent competency, and various legacies came his way too. His great-aunt Mrs. Wilson, the mother-in-law of Dr. Sacheverell, left £30 towards putting him out in the world, in 1710, in part recognition of the Howards' kindness to her in her long illness. He also benefited, directly and indirectly, under the will, dated 1716, of his great-aunt Mrs. Bayley ; under the will of another great-aunt, Mrs. Emery, dated 1721 ; while even his mother's cousin's third husband, Charles Chambers, could not resist leaving him a legacy of £100 in 1748.

There can be little doubt that Charles Howard was educated at Lichfield School with Johnson, who was nearly three years his junior (see *ante*, III., 133). Johnson was made welcome at the Howards' home in his early years (*ante*, III., 175), and always had a high regard for Charles Howard's professional character. Writing to Lucy Porter on 25 Jan. 1759, just after his mother's death, he says :—" If you want any directions, Mr. Howard will advise you " (*Letters of Samuel Johnson*, ed. Birkbeck Hill, I., 82) ; and again, on 10 May 1759, he sends her some of his own works, " one for Mr. Howard " (*ibid.*, I., 87). And on 18 Aug. 1763, in advising his friend and schoolfellow, Dr. Taylor, as to the alimony he should pay his wife, he proceeds (*ibid.*, I., 104) :—

> What allowance will be proper I cannot tell, but would have you consult our old friend Mr. Howard. His profession has acquainted him with matrimonial law, and he is in himself a cool and wise man. I would not have him come to

Ashbourne nor you go to Lichfield; meet at Tutbury or some other obscure and commodious place and talk the case at large with him, not merely as a proctor but as a friend.

And on 3 Sep. 1763 he says (*ibid.*, I., 107) :—

In affairs of this kind it is necessary to converse with some intelligent man. . . . It will surely be right to spend a day with Howard. Do not on this occasion either want money or spare it.

In *The Cheshire Sheaf*, vol. 2, p. 105, is printed a letter, found in the Episcopal Registry at Chester, addressed by Charles Howard, Lichfield, on 12 Nov. 1758, to Bishop Edmund Keene, who had requested copies of anything relative to the Archdeaconry of Chester in the Lichfield Register's Office. The letter explains that there are 14 or 15 very closely written volumes, in an obscure and abbreviated hand, which not more than two people in the diocese could copy exactly, each of which would take nearly three months to transcribe; but continues that "Mr. Buckeridge, a worthy and ingenious young clergyman,* who is the only person here capable of undertaking such a work," would be ready to do it, if offered "some Church preferment, adequate to the undertaking." In this instance Charles Howard was certainly "cool and wise."

Among the Lomax MSS. in Johnson's Birthplace is a letter written by Bishop Newton (see *ante*, III., 123; and *post*, p. 197) from Grosvenor Street, on 22 Jan. 1756, to the Rev. Thomas Seward, in which he remarks :—

I hope Charles Howard is well, for I wrote to him a month ago, and he seldom used to be so long in returning an answer.

When he sent his son, the younger Charles Howard, to school at Charterhouse, he wrote to the boy to call on Dr. Johnson, which he did, to be received with great courtesy and presented with half-a-guinea by a sage whose surroundings spoke plainly of poverty (Birkbeck Hill's *Boswell*, III., 222–3).

Charles Darwin, in the preliminary notice he wrote for Ernst Krause's *Erasmus Darwin*, 1879, prints in full (pp. 21–4) the very delightful letter written by his grandfather to Mary Howard six days

* See *post*, p. 198.

before their marriage, which mentions "the Writings" that were to be sent to her father for completion. Darwin says that his grandmother, "judging from all that I have heard of her, and from some of her letters, must have been a superior and charming woman. She died after a long and suffering illness in 1770" (*ibid.*, p. 20). She gave the great naturalist, on her father's side, the blood of the middle-class Lyndons, Bromleys and Howards, and, on her mother's side, the blood of such ancient families as Foley, Paget, and Turton.

In the South Choir of Lichfield Cathedral is a monument with this inscription :—

Filial gratitude and affection | erect this marble | to the memory of | Charles Howard Esqre | who died January 24th 1791 | Aged 48 years. | Also near this spot | are deposited the remains | of Ann, his Wife, | who died February 1st 1794, | Aged 55 years. | Thou whose maternal hand in ductile youth | Wrote on my heart the characters of truth | etc., etc.

The beauty of Lady Wilmot, who paid this tribute to her parent, excited the diffuse pen of Anna Seward, who thus exuberates in a letter of 19 Mch. 1792, to Mrs. Hayley (*Anna Seward's Letters*, III., 123) :—

I am glad you admire our fair blossom, Miss Howard. When exercise adds roses to the lilies, her beauty is exquisite. The eastern poets, who compare their mistresses to young roes, I have often thought give us verses which describe her. There is an innocent wildness in her clear shining eyes, which, like those of the roe and the stag, are at once lively and timid.

On 25 Oct. 1794 she tells Miss Sykes of her young *protégée's* engagement (*ibid.*, IV., 23) :—

You know that lovely Miss Howard is going to marry Sir Robert Wilmot. It will not be January and May, but it will be May and October. I hope his talents, his acquirements, and his virtues, may recompense the scar and yellow leaves, when they shall entwine around her roses.

The present Sir Robert Wilmot tells me he has his grandmother's portrait, painted about 1798, which shows her as a very beautiful woman, so that Miss Seward had solid ground for her admiration.

In a reference to Dr. Sacheverell (*ante*, III., 70) I said that he had for years been friendly with Edward Wilson of Lichfield, and married his sister in 1716. But, as we have now seen, it was Edward Wilson's daughter whom he married. I was misled by the Darwin MSS. I must also retract the statement of friendship, which I based on the

following letter of Dr. Sacheverell's, found among Lord Hatherton's MSS. (*Historical MSS. Commission*, 5th Report, p. 296) :—

1704. Sept. 13th. Magdalen College, Oxford. H. Sacheverell to Mr. Edward Wilson, at his house in Cannock, near Lichfield.—He has been with the gentlemen of Christ Church College, who say they have received his (Wilson's) pedigree, and think it clearly made out, but they ask for a disproof of the pretentions of the others.—Is sorry Mr. Noel's son is not qualified for the place, for he would be put in on the account only of a collateral relation to his (Wilson's) lady's family, who are the regular lineal descendants from Frost, in deficiency at present of his (Wilson's), etc., etc. Desires his service to Wilson's good lady, Brother Perry and Wilson's sister, with the writer's old friend, Mr. Gataire and honest Major Ryves, etc.

But I have found that this Edward Wilson was a different person altogether from Edward Wilson of Lichfield. The will of Edward Wilson, of Cannock, gent., dated 23 Jan. 1707/8, was proved 26 Apl. 1708 at Lichfield. It mentions his eldest son Edward,* and younger children John, Frances and Anne, all minors, as well as his sister Ann Wilson, his sister Pery, his sister Elizabeth Unwyn, his brother Pery, and his uncles Thomas Crompton, Mr. Henry Crompton, and Mr. George Gattacre ("Mr. Gataire" of the printed letter). Possibly Edward Wilson of Lichfield was a kinsman; but I have no actual evidence of it.

The first generations of the pedigree, as I have presented it, are definitely defective in one particular, for it is not shown how Samuel, Francis and his sister Sarah Kent were nephews to Francis Lyndon's daughters. The only person of the name enumerated in the Lichfield census of 1695 was "Sarah Kent, widow, 40," in Bird Street. "Sarah Kent, widow," was buried 26 Jan. 1713/14 at St. Michael's. Francis Kent and Sarah Rayner were married at St. Mary's on 8 Apl. 1711. Mary (?), wife of Francis Kent, was buried 13 June 1716 at St. Michael's. Francis Kent and Anne Adderstich were married 13 Sep. 1719/20 at St. Mary's, where twelve children of Francis Kent were baptized between 1712 and 1736, at least half of whom were buried at St. Michael's during the same period.

* No doubt this was the Edward Wilson of Cannock who mar. Catherine, second dau. of Thomas Okeover [1679-1710] of Okeover, and had a dau. Catherine, who mar. Morton Walhouse of Hatherton, Staffs. See Burke's *Landed Gentry*, 1921, "Okeover of Okeover."

THE MARTENS

(See *ante*, III., 13, 14, 71, 132, 170, 175)

At the above references, and at *ante*, I., 18, I have given a good deal of information of the "Martins" of Lichfield. I shall now give some fresh evidence, and present the whole in the form of a pedigree.

The following entries are extracted from the registers of St. Mary's, Lichfield :—

1657. July 17. bur. Elizabeth, dau. of Mr. Symon Martin.
1664. July 9. mar. Robert Wood and Sarah Martin.
1665/6. Feb. 5. bur. Symon, son of John Martin.
1667. Aug. 8. bap. Elizabeth, dau. of Mr. Symon Martin, jun.
1668. Sep. 1. mar. Adden Froggatt, gent., and Mary Martin.
1668. Nov. 2. bap. Ann, dau. of Mr. Symon Martin, jun.
1669. Nov. 21. bap. Mary, dau. of Mr. Symon Martin, jun., gent.
1669. July 19. bap. William, son of Mr. Aden Froggatt.
1669. July 19. bur. Mary, wife of Mr. Aden Froggatt.
1670/1. Mch. 2. bur. Ann, dau. of Mr. Symon Martin, jun.
1671/2. Jan. 13. bap. Sarah, dau. of Mr. Symon Martin, jun.
1673. Oct. 10. bap. Symon, son of Mr. Symon Martin, jun.
1673. Nov. 23. bur. Symon, son of Mr. Symon Martin, jun.
1674. Apl. 20. bur. Sarah, dau. of Mr. Symon Martin, jun.
1674. Oct. 21. bap. John, son of Mr. Symon Martin, jun.
1675/6. Jan. 5. bap. Abria, dau. of Mr. Simon Martin.
1676/7. Mch. 4. bap. Symon, son of Mr. Symon Martin, jun.
1678. Apl. 27. bap. Sarah, dau. of Mr. Simon Martin.
1679. May 6. bur. Sarah, dau. of Simon Martin, jun., gent.
1679. Aug. 1. bap. Sarah, dau. of Mr. Simon Martin, jun.
1681. June 2. bap. Alice, dau. of Mr. Simon Martin.
1681. Nov. 3. bur. Simon Martin, gent.
1681/2. Mch. 14. bur. Sarah, wife of Simon Martin, gent.
1682. Aug. 9. bap. Barberry, dau. of Mr. Simon Martin.
1684. Nov. 30. bap. Ann, dau. of Simon Martin.
1685/6. Feb. 14. bap. Edmund, son of Mr. Simon Martin.
1686. July 3. bur. Edmund, son of Mr. Simon Martin.
1687/8. Feb. 7. bur. Mr. Simon Martin.
1688. Sep. 18. bur. Barbara, dau. of Simon Martin, gent.
1699. Sep. 26. bap. Hutchinson, son of Mr. John Martin.
1699/1700. Mch. 18. bur. Hutchinson, son of Mr. John Marten.
1701/2. Jan. 23. bap. Hannah Maria, dau. of Mr. John Martin.
1703. Oct. 16. bap. Henry, son of Mr. John Martin.
1705. Dec. 2. bur. Mrs. Abra Martin, widow.
1707/8. Mch. 22. bap. Elizabeth, dau. of Mr. John Martin.

1719. May 17. bur. Mrs. Martin, wife of Mr. John Martin, apothecary.
1735. Apl. 8. bur. Mr. Harry Marten.
1735. Apl 26. bur. Hannah Maria Marten.
1737. Oct. 27. bur. Mary, wife of Mr. John Marten.
1745. Mch. 26. bur. Mr. John Marten.

At St. Michael's, Carey Butt and Elizabeth Marten were married on 3 Apl. 1737. Three "Martin" households occur in the Lichfield census of 1695, but only one of them, in St. John's Street, affects us :— "Abra Martin, widow, 55; Eliz., 20, Sarah, 15, Alice, 10, Amey, 8, their (*sic*) Daughters; Eliz. Williams, servant, 26." Robert Wood who married Sarah Marten in 1664 was evidently dead, for in Lombard Street occurs :—"Sarah Wood, 60; Symon Wood, Batchelor, 24." Addin Froggatt, who married Mary Martin in 1678, does not occur.

From Harwood's *Lichfield* we learn (p. 428) that "Symon Marten" was Junior Bailiff in 1664 and Senior Bailiff in 1672; and Junior Bailiff in 1684 (p. 429); while John Marten was Sheriff in 1725, when Michael Johnson was Senior Bailiff (p. 432). Simon Martin was living in St. John's Street in 1661 (p. 307). Simon Marten was nominated an alderman under the new charter of 1686 (p. 349). I have not attempted to trace the family earlier than 1650 (and the later account does not profess to be complete), but it is interesting to learn that "Richard Martyn, a lawyer and register," was Junior Bailiff in 1551 (p. 419); while from St. Mary's register is given this extract (p. 474) :— "June 10, 1635. Mr. John Marten, Attorney, deceased."

Three deeds in Mr. Homer's collection, of which the following are abstracts, throw light on the family history :—

Indenture tripartite made 6 May, 3 Anne 1704, between John Marten, of city and co. of Lichfield, apothecary, and Hannah his wife, on 1st part, Thomas Shipton, of said city and co., gent., and Jane his wife, and Dorothy Shipton, dau. of said Thomas and Jane, on 2nd part, and Dorothy Hawkes, of city and co. afsd., widow, mother of said Jane, and Richard Hawkes, of city afsd., gent., on 3rd part, Witnesseth that said John Marten and Hannah his wife, for £100 paid them by said Dorothy Hawkes at request of said Thomas and Jane, grant unto said Dorothy H. and Richard H., that mess. with appurts. wherein Abra Marten, widow, mother of said John Marten, doth now inhabit in said city, in St. John Street, to use and behoof of said Thomas Shipton and Jane his wife for their lives, and then to use and behoof of Dorothy Shipton, their only dau., and her heirs, with warranty against said John Marten and Hannah his wife and heirs, and all persons claiming under him or her or them, or Simon Marten

his late father, decd., or Ralph Alsopp and Sampson Vaunt and Eleanor his wife. Signed, John Marten and Han: Marten. Wits., F. Hawkes, Tho. Fletcher, William Wright.

8 May, 3 Anne 1704. To all Christian people, etc., We Elizabeth Marten, Sarah Marten, Alice Martin, and Anne Marten, all of city of Lichfield, spinsters, Mary Marten, of city of London, spinster, Brion Harding, of Rosester, co. Staff., clerk, Abra his wife, and Symon Marten, of Leicester, co. Leic., stationer, send greeting. Whereas Symon Marten, late of city of Lichfield, gent., father of us the said Elizabeth, Sarah, Anne, Mary, Abra, and Symon, made his last will bearing date 4 Feb. 1687, and thereby did give and bequeath all his lands, houses and tenements to his loving wife Abra Marten for the education of his children until 21 or mar. and as to remainder of his estate, after children were educated he did devise it to said wife for her life and at her death to be disposed of by her, by her last will and testament, or otherwise as she should think fit, amongst her children, etc., And whereas said Abra, relict of Symon, hath educated and maintained us said Elizabeth, etc., whereby she did expend more money than we or any of us would expect to have out of lands of said testator, And whereas by grant of said Abra and of John Marten, son and heir of said Symon Marten, the testator, in consideration of £100 to them paid, All that mess., burgage or tenement, wherein said Abra, the relict of said Symon, doth now dwell, situate in said city in St. John Street, together with all outhouses, etc., belonging thereto, to use of Thomas Shipton, of said city, and Jane his wife, for life of said Jane, and then to use of Dorothy Shipton, only dau. of said Thomas and Jane, and her heirs, Now we, said Elizabeth, etc., for consideration afsd., have granted, remised, etc., unto said Thomas and Jane and Dorothy, said mess., etc., and all our right, title, etc., to same. Signed, Eliz. Marten, Sarah Marten, Alice Martin, Simon Marten. Wits., F. Hawkes, Richard Hawkes, Tho. Fletcher, William Wright.

Indenture made 11 Oct. 3 Anne 1704, between John Marten, of city and co. of Lichfield, apothecary, and Hannah his wife, of the one part, and John Harrison, of same, sadler, of other part, Witnesseth that said John Marten and Hanrah his wife, in consideration of sum of £58 paid to them by said John Harrison, grant to said J. H. 4 acres of arable land in a common field in Lichfield, called Sand field, between land of John Harris on one side lately enclosed, and on other side to land of Wm. Gamble, to only proper use of said John Harrison and his heirs, to be holden of chief lord, etc., with usual warranties, and excepting a lease of said premises to Wm. Mosse for 21 years. Signed, John Marten, Han. Marten. Wits., Ralph Wright, Chr. Baker, Jos. Adey.

These deeds show clearly that the family were almost unanimous in spelling their name "Marten," and not "Martin," as I have printed it up to now. I find that the two Simons, in their wills of 1681 and 1688 (*ante*, I., 18), also adopted the spelling "Marten," but I had

regarded it as a mere sign of the orthographic independence of the period, and had standardized the name as "Martin." Now I must make amends, and spell it "Marten" for the future. And the wife of Simon Marten the second was named Abra, not Abia (a Bible name) as I had printed it.

From a deed of 1757 we have seen (*ante*, p. 53) that Elizabeth, wife of Carey Butt (and daughter of John Marten), was then heir-at-law of Catherine Denstone, late of Lichfield, widow, decd., who again was heir-at-law of Thomas "Martin," of Lichfield, decd., whom I have not placed.*

The pedigree now stands thus :—

SIMON MARTEN, (the son of parents bur. before him in St. Mary's, Lichfield); of St. John's Street, Lichfield, gent., evidently an attorney; Junior Bailiff in 1664, and Senior Bailiff in 1672; bur. 3 Nov. 1681 at St. Mary's, Lichfield. Will dated 31 Oct. 1681, proved 14 Dec. 1681 at Lichfield.† His widow Sarah, living 14 Dec. 1681, was bur. 14 Mch. 1681/2 at St. Mary's. He had issue,

A. John Marten, dead 31 Oct. 1681, when he had two sons living, John and Simon. A Simon, son of John Martin, was bur. 5 Feb. 1665/6 at St. Mary's.

B. SIMON MARTEN, of whom presently.

C. Sarah Marten, mar. 9 July 1664, at St. Mary's, to Robert Wood. She was living a widow in Lombard Street, Lichfield, aged 60, in 1695, with Simon Wood, an unmarried son of 24.

D. Mary Marten, mar. 1 Sep. 1668, at St. Mary's, to Addin Froggatt, and was bur. 19 July 1669 at St. Mary's, having had a son William bap. there same day. The will of "Adin Frogat," of Lichfield Close, gent., was dated 22 Aug. 1709, and proved 28 Feb. 1711/12 at Lichfield, by Elizabeth Frogatt, the relict and extrix. To her he left half his estate and his household goods, she not to be accountable for any money she had saved unknown to him; rest to son William.

E. Elizabeth Marten, bur. 17 July 1657 at St. Mary's.

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* In the Lichfield census of 1695, under St. John's Street, occurs this household :— "Ann Martin, Widd., 80; Mary her Daughter, 34; Tho. her son, pauper, 35; Tho. Martin, senr., batchelor above 60 years."

† In addition to houses and land in Lichfield, the will (see *ante*, I., 18) mentions lands at Hill Ridware, Staffs., which he had lately purchased for £160, to make good the title to which he was having to bring an action against Thomas Hall; and also his 16th part of a grove at the Leas, par. of Wirksworth, co. Derby. The wits. were Robert Shaw, William Potts and John Matlock; the appraisers, Sampson Pott and Will. Clare.

SIMON MARTEN, son of Simon Marten preceding ; a notary public in Lichfield ; bur. 7 Feb. 1687/8 at St. Mary's. Junior Bailiff of Lichfield in 1684. Will (like his father's, made at point of death) dated 4 Feb. 1687/8, proved 2 Apl. 1688 at Lichfield.* His widow Abra was living 1695 in St. John's Street, aged 55, and was bur. 2 Dec. 1705 at St. Mary's, having had issue,

I. Simon Marten, bap. 10 Oct. 1673 and bur. 23 Nov. 1673, at St. Mary's.

II. JOHN MARTEN, of whom presently.

III. Simon Marten, bap. 4 Mch. 1676/7 at St. Mary's ; living in Michael Johnson's household in Market Street, in 1695, as an apprentice, aged 16 ; mar. 22 June 1701, at St. Margaret's, Leicester, as of Ashby de la Zouch,† bookseller, to Ann Ayre (Bishop's transcripts), who was dau. of Thomas Ayre, alderman of Leicester. After mar. remained in Leicester as a bookseller and printer, also apparently keeping the White Horse Inn, in Gallowtree Gate. According to his imprint in 1720, he had shops at Leicester, Loughborough and Hinckley. Admitted a freeman of Leicester on 16 Sep. 1702, he became a Councillor soon after, and was Chamberlain in 1715, Alderman in 1721, Bailiff in 1727 and Mayor in 1728. He was bur. at St. Margaret's 4 Mch. 1744/5, as "Mr. Alderman Martin." Admon. granted 6 May 1745, at Leicester, to Thomas Marten, of Leicester, bookseller, son of decd. By Ann Ayre he had issue,

1. Thomas Marten, also a bookseller and printer in Leicester, serving as Mayor in 1750 ; born 1702 ; apprenticed to his father and made free on 9 Aug. 1727 ; died intestate 1764 ; bur. at St. Martin's, Leicester. He mar. and left issue.
2. Simon Marten, bap. 11 May 1706 at St. Martin's, Leicester ; bur. 13 Nov. 1711 at St. Margaret's.‡
3. John Marten, bap. 9 Aug. 1707 at St. Martin's ; living 1716.

1. Ann Marten, bap. 14 Sep. 1703 at St. Martin's ; living 1716.
2. Hannah Marten, bap. 7 Apl. 1705 at St. Martin's ; living 1716.
3. Mary Marten, bur. 3 Aug. 1714 at St. Margaret's.

IV. Edmund Marten, bap. 14 Feb. 1685/6 and bur. 3 July 1686, at St. Mary's.

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* Additional to the abstract I gave of his will (*ante*, I., 18), he mentions his "brother," Adin Froggatt, his "cousin" William Froggatt, and his "sisters," Elizabeth Pole, widow, Mrs. Alice Lax, and Sarah Wood. The wits. were Elizabeth Pole, Ann Bayly, Elizabeth Froggatt, Thomas Bayly, William Froggatt and Adin Froggatt.

† Where Michael Johnson had a branch of his business. The will of Elizabeth Bacon, of Ashby de la Zouch, widow, dated 15 Feb. 1700/1 and proved 1704, was witnessed by Simon Marten (*inf.* Mr. A. W. Read, of Leicester, to whom I am indebted for several items relating to the Martins).

‡ Perhaps there was a surviving son Simon, for "Mr. Simon Martin" was bur. 1 Nov. 1745 at St. Margaret's. A Simon Martin was admitted to the English school section of Appleby Grammar School on 29 Apl. 1718.

I. Elizabeth Marten, bap. 8 Aug. 1667 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; living unmar. 8 May 1704, in Lichfield.

II. Anne Marten, bap. 2 Nov. 1668 and bur. 2 Mch. 1670/1, at St. Mary's.

III. Mary Marten, bap. 21 Nov. 1669 at St. Mary's; living 8 May 1704, unmar., in London.

IV. Sarah Marten, bap. 13 Jan. 1671/2 and bur. 20 Apl. 1674, at St. Mary's.

V. Abra Marten, bap. 5 Jan. 1675/6 at St. Mary's; mar. Rev. Brian Harding*; both living 8 May 1704.

VI. Sarah Marten, bap. 27 Apl. 1678 and bur. 6 May 1679, at St. Mary's.

VII. Sarah Marten, bap. 1 Aug. 1679 at St. Mary's; living unmar. 8 May 1704, in Lichfield.

VIII. Alice Martin, bap. 2 June 1681 at St. Mary's; living unmar. 8 May 1704 in Lichfield.

IX. Barbara Marten, bap. 9 Aug. 1682 and bur. 18 Sep. 1688, at St. Mary's.

X. Anne Marten, bap. 30 Nov. 1684 at St. Mary's; living 8 May 1704, unmar., in Lichfield.

JOHN MARTEN, eldest surviving son and heir of Simon Marten preceding, and an apothecary in Lichfield. Bap. 21 Oct. 1674 at St. Mary's; living in 1695 in Bird Street, Lichfield, aged 20, in household of Rhoda Boylston, widow, as fellow apprentice with Henry Boylston, who in 1706 married Ann Hector, aunt of Edmund Hector; Sheriff of Lichfield in 1725; bur. 26 Mch. 1745 at St. Mary's. He mar. 1st, before 8 Nov. 1698, Hannah, dau. of Rev. Richard Hutchinson, Rector of Church Lawford, co. War., where she was bap. 1666 (*inf.* Archdeacon Cameron). She was bur. 17 May 1719 at St. Mary's, Lichfield. John Marten mar. 2nd, 1 July 1722, at St. Mary's, Mary, widow of Charles Howard, of Tamworth Street, Lichfield, clothworker, and eldest dau. of Thomas Bromley, of Bore Street, Lichfield, yeo., by Ellen his wife, dau. of Francis Lyndon (see *ante*, p. 112); she was bur. 27 Oct. 1737 at St. Mary's. John Marten, whom Dr. Johnson remembered as a "pious man," led daily to church by his son-in-law, Carey Butt, had issue by Hannah Hutchinson his wife,

I. Hutchinson Marten, bap. 26 Sep. 1699 and bur. 18 Mch. 1699/1700 at St. Mary's.

II. Henry Marten, bap. 16 Oct. 1703 at St. Mary's and bur. there 8 Apl. 1735 as "Mr. Harry Martin."

I. Hannah Maria Marten, bap. 23 Jan. 1701/2 at St. Mary's; died unmar.; bur. there 26 Apl. 1735.

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* Brian, son of Henry Harding, of Drynton (Drointon), co. Staff., *pleb.*, matric. Brasenose Coll., 27 May 1696, aged 20; B.A. 18 Jan. 1699/1700; Rector of Croome D'Abitot, co. Worc., 1731 (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*).

II. Elizabeth Marten, bap. 22 Mch. 1707/8 at St. Mary's ; mar. 3 Apl. 1737 at St. Michael's, Lichfield, to Carey Butt, of Lichfield, surgeon and apothecary. She died Dec. 1789 at Trentham, and was bur. there 2 Jan. 1790, aged 82, having had issue (see *post*, p. 131).

THE BUTTS

(See *ante*, III., 132, 175)

Carey Butt, who, as shown above, married John Marten's daughter Elizabeth in 1737, was a Lichfield man, much of an age with Johnson, and probably one of his schoolfellows. He and his brothers it must have been who were rebuked by their father for calling their brilliant but uncouth companion "the great boy."

By Carey Butt, Elizabeth Marten had an interesting progeny. Her eldest son, John Marten Butt, M.D., F.R.S., who died at the age of 31, was a physician of great promise. Her second son, George Butt, a poet and divine of note and Chaplain to George III., was father of Mrs. Sherwood, the celebrated author of *The Fairchild Family*, whose younger sister, Mrs. Cameron, also achieved some fame as a writer of religious tales for children. Mrs. Salt, sister of the Rev. George Butt, was mother of Henry Salt, F.R.S., the traveller, whose reputation rests securely on his Egyptian discoveries. There is a considerable literature dealing with the lives of these persons, in which genealogical fiction occupies a considerable space. George Butt, his two daughters, and Henry Salt, have each separate notice in the *Dict. Nat. Biog.* An account of the Rev. George Butt, extending to 40 pages, is affixed to *Poems spoken at Reading School*, by Dr. Richard Valpy, 1804. Mrs. Kelly's *Life of Mrs. Sherwood*, 1854, endows Carey Butt with a very respectable but quite fictitious ancestry, for which, Archdeacon Cameron tells me, the Rev. Henry Hassard-Short must be held responsible. The *Life of Mrs. Cameron*, a rather later work, also contributes its due share of error. Mr. F. J. Harvey Darton's *Life and Times of Mrs. Sherwood*, 1910, an admirable and quite monumental work, should be consulted by all interested in this family group, though genealogically it does not cleanse the Augean stables. The *Life and Correspondence of Henry Salt*, by J. J. Halls, in two volumes,

1834, has much in it bearing on its subject's Lichfield origins and connexions.

The following extracts from the Lichfield registers form the base of the pedigree I shall present :—

ST. MARY'S.

1706. Oct. 7. mar. William Butt and Ann Hayes.
1708. Apl. 6. bap. William, son of William Butt.
1708/9. Mch. 20. bap. Cary, son of William Butt.
1711. May 27. bap. Timothy, son of William Butt.
1713. Mch. 25. bap. George, son of William Butt.
1714. Sep. 5. bap. Jane, dau. of William Butt.
1717. May 10. bap. James, son of William Butt.
1738. Oct. 18. bap. John Martin, son of Mr. Cary Butt.
1739. Nov. 19. bap. Sarah, dau. of Timothy Butt.
1740. July 24. bap. Alice, dau. of Mr. Cary Butt.
1741. Dec. 30. bap. George, son of Cary Butt.
1742. Sep. 6. bap. William, son of Timothy Butt.
1743/4. Mch. 12. bap. Ann, dau. of Timothy Butt.
1744/5. Jan. 10. bap. William, son of Mr. Carey Butt.
1745. June 11. bap. Carey, son of Timothy Butt.
1747. Aug. 3. bap. Susannah, dau. of Timothy Butt.
1750. Oct. 22. bap. Thomas Simon, son of Mr. Carey Butt.
1766. Mch. 23. mar. Mr. Thomas Salt, Rugby, and Miss Alice Butt, this par., *lic.* Wits., Cary Butt, Thos. Hincks.
1801. Jan. 12. mar. Simon Morgan, and Elizabeth Butt Salt, both of this par., *lic.*

ST. MICHAEL'S.

1737. Apl. 3. mar. Cary Butt and Elizabeth Martin.
1748. May 23. bap. Susannah, dau. of Mr. Timothy Butt.
1750/1. Mch. 21. bur. William, son of Mr. Carey Butt.
1781. Jan. 12. bur. Mr. Carey Butt from Hill Top House.
1793. July 21. bur. Mr. Richard Chapel Butt.

The following will abstracts, except those of Alice Hayes, George Hayes and John Marten Butt, I owe to Archdeacon Cameron, who has devoted much attention to his family history :—

ALICE HAYES, of city of Lichfield, widow. Will dated 21 June 1715. Infirm of body, etc. To daus. Margaret Hawkesford and Ann Butt, and son Edward Hayes, $10^s/-$ each for mourning rings. To son Charles Hayes, $5^s/-$. After payment of debts, legacies and funeral expenses, all my book debts, bonds, bills, etc., household goods, etc., to son George Hayes, whom I appoint exor. Signed, Ales Hayes. Wits., George Vaughton, George Marshall, Theo. Levett. Proved 21 Oct. 1723, at Lichfield, by George Hayes, son and exor.

WILLIAM BUTT, of par. of St. Mary, Stafford, gent. Admon. granted 20 Oct. 1743, at Lichfield, to Alice Butt, of boro' of Stafford, widow, relict of decd. Sureties, George Butt, of boro' of Stafford, sadler, and Joseph Smith, of same, yeo. Penalty of bond, £200.

GEORGE BUTT, of boro' of Stafford, sadler. Will dated 14 Sep. 1746. After payment of debts, etc., all estate to go to wife, Mary Butt. No exor. named. Wits., Ann Hubbard and John Green. Surety, Carey Butt, of Lichfield, apothecary. Inventory undated; total, £109–14–5. Admon (with will) granted 27 Aug. 1750, at Lichfield, to Mary Butt, widow, the relict.

GEORGE HAYES, of city of Lichfield, apothecary. Will dated 24 Sep. 1764. To brother Charles Hayes, 6s/– a week for life, and my exor. to find him with decent apparel, linen and woollen, over and above his weekly allowance. To nephew Richard Hawkesford, £50, and interest paid to me by him for his brother George to be returned to him. To his dau. Mrs. Bather, £50, and a ring to Mr. Bather.* To nephew Thomas Hawkesford, £50. To nephew, George Hawkesford, £10. To nephew Richard Hawkesford, son to nephew John Hawkesford, decd., £50. To nephew Timothy Butt and to his dau. Ann Butt, £10. To nephews, John Marten Butt, George Butt, Thomas Butt, and niece Alice Butt, £50 each. To Ann Jordan, £5. To cousin Mary Holmes, widow, £100. To cousin George Hargreaves, of Bury, £10, and to his two sons £5 each. To Mr. George Butt, £5. To poor of Lichfield, £5 in bread. All real and personal estate, after payment of debts and legacies, to nephew Cary Butt and his heirs, appointing him exor. Wits., John Heaton, John Bond, William Taylor. Proved 10 May 1765, at Lichfield, by Cary Butt, exor.

JOHN MARTEN BUTT, Dr. of Physic, of city of Bath. To wife, Mary Atkins Butt, for life, annual income from tithes of Longdon, together with same increase of income on death of my father and mother, and I order that out of the £500 last received from John Thorpe, esq., she renew the lease, and I bequeath profits thereot to brother, Rev. George Butt, of Oxford, and his heirs for ever. Residue of goods and fortune to wife, trusting she will make good bonds given by me to exors. of Francis Maclean, esq., her former husband, for his goods and plate, except following marks of esteem :—To father Cary Butt, of Longdon, gold headed cane; to Rev. Mr. George Butt, watch; to brother Thomas Simon Butt, and son Thomas Maclean, all my books; and to sister, Alice Salt, a ring. Exors., wife Mary Atkins Butt, father Cary Butt, and Daniel Crokat, esq., of Jamaica. Wit., J. Baker. Will undated. On 14 Dec. 1769 Vincent Biscoe, of Bedford Row, London, merchant, attested to will. Proved 15 Dec. 1769 in P.C.C. (406 Bogg), by two first exors., power reserved to Daniel Crokat, esq.

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* John Bather [1726-1810], of Meole Brace, co. Salop, mar. 1750 Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Hawkesford, of "Ivetsey," and had issue a son, the Rev. John Bather (born 1751), M.A. Ch. Ch., Oxf., Vicar of Meole Brace and ancestor of present Bathers of Meole Brace, for whom see Burke's *Landed Gentry*.

CAREY BUTT, of Pipe Grange, par. of St. Michael, city of Lichfield, gent. Will dated 19 Dec. 1780. A brick vault or grave to hold two corpses to be made in St. Michael's Church, under the seat belonging to Pipe Grange, and my body to be interred there. To son-in-law Thomas Salt, of Lichfield, surgeon and apothecary, husband of dau. Alice, £500. The £500 secured by my bond, on my son Thomas Simon Butt's marriage, to be discharged. To wife Elizabeth Butt, £50 and sundry plate and jewelry. To son George Butt, amethyst ring. Wife to have such of my goods as Rev. John Chappel Woodhouse, of Donington, Salop, John Bather, of the Bank, nr. Shrewsbury, gent., and Charles Howard, of Lichfield Close, gent., shall think requisite for her. To said son George Butt, golden headed cane formerly his brother the doctor's. To dau.-in-law Martha, wife of said George, said son-in-law Thomas Salt, and said John Chappel Woodhouse, John Bather, and Charles Howard, £5–5–0 each. To nephew George Crump and niece Ann, wife of —— Jordan, £10–10–0 each. All personal estate, including interest in the undertaking of the navigation from the Trent to the Mersey, to trustees to pay income thereof to wife Elizabeth Butt for life, to amount of £110 per annum. Servant Thomas Heaton to be settled on a farm at Longdon called the Lower Farm, held under Mr. Lander for life of one —— Martin. Hereditaments conveyed to me by Catherine Taylor, part of which is charged with annual sum, not exceeding 10s/–, for the poor. Real estate, including tithes in Longdon, to three children. Exors., sons George and Thomas Simon, and son-in-law Thomas Salt. Wits., Ann Hubbard, Abra. Harris and Wm. Bond. Proved 14 Feb. 1792, at Lichfield, by Thomas Salt, power reserved for other exors.; under £1,000.

THOMAS SIMON BUTT, of Trentham, Staffs., clerk. Will dated 13 Oct. 1789. All estate to friends John Chappel Woodhouse, of Donington, Salop, clerk, and John Bishton the younger, of Kelsall, Salop, gent., in trust for two sons, Richard Chappel Butt and Thomas Butt (latter under 21). Exors., John Chappel Woodhouse and John Bishton. Wits., M. Woodhouse, Jane Shutt, and Thomas Challinor. Admon. (with will) granted 7 Dec. 1801 to Rev. Thomas Butt, of Upper Arley, the only son of decd., the exors. having renounced.

Very interesting light is thrown on the family history by three deeds in the collection of the Rev. F. A. Homer, of which the following are abstracts :—

Articles of agreement of 5 parts indented made 20 Apl. 1741 between William Butt the elder, of boro' of Stafford, innholder, and Barbara his wife of 1st part, George Hayes, of Lichfield, apoth., of 2nd part, William Butt jun., of boro' of Stafford, son of said Wm. Butt the elder, and nephew of said George Hayes, of 3rd part, Alice Hayes, of Lichfield, spinster, niece of said George Hayes, of 4th part, and Carey Butt, of Lichfield, apoth., another of the sons of said Wm. Butt the elder, of 5th part. Whereas a mar. is intended shortly to be had between said Wm. Butt jun. and Alice Hayes, and whereas said Wm. Butt the elder in

consid. of yearly sum of £20, to be paid to him for life, and another annuity of £5 to be paid to said Barbara during her life, after decease of said Wm. Butt her husband, and in consid. of £200 to be paid by said Wm. Butt the younger for portions of the several other children of said Wm. Butt the elder, doth agree with said Wm. Butt jun. that he will give up that mess., etc., wherein he now inhabits in Stafford, called the Swan, with barns, buildings, stables, etc., in holding of him said Wm. Butt sen., as tenant at will, and several closes of arable meadow in liberty of Stafford, called The School Lands or The Spittle Grounds, with barn and buildings erected thereon, held by said William Butt sen., as tenant at will, and also household goods, plate, bedding, linnens and woollens, brass, iron, pewter, brewing vessels, etc., in said dwelling house, with all hay, provender, corn, etc., stock of wine, ale, etc., horses, mares, cows, etc., waggons, plows, etc., and all other his goods and personal estate, together with the good-will of business of said house, etc. And said George Hayes covenants that he, his exors., etc., shall pay unto said Wm. Butt jun. £100 upon day of said mar., and that his heirs, etc., shall within 12 months after his decease pay to said Wm. Butt jun. £200, making together £300, which was sum proposed to be given by said George Hayes as mar. portion of said Alice Hayes, with provision that it shall be lawful for said George Hayes at any time after said mar. to pay to said Alice Hayes the said £200 or part thereof, as he shall think fit, for her better support and maintenance, for her sole use and benefit. Covenants from Wm. Butt jun., George Hayes and Carey Butt, to pay afsd. annuities, and covenant from Wm. Butt jun. to pay on 25 Dec. 1746 (if Wm. Butt sen. be dead, or then within 6 months after his decease) to said Carey Butt £200, *i. e.* £50 to said Carey Butt, £50 to Timothy Butt, £50 to George Butt, and £50 remaining to be placed out and interest paid to Jane Poole for her sole and separate use, with proviso that Carey Butt may at discretion pay said £50 to Jane Poole to set her up in business. Sigs. of Will. Butt, Geo. Hayes, Wm. Butt the younger, Alice Hayes and Carey Butt.

Articles of agreement dated 13 Mch. 1743, between Carey Butt of Lichfield, apoth., Timothy Butt, of same, barbour, George Butt of boro' of Stafford, sadler, Jane Poole of (*blank*), in co. (*blank*), widow (which said Carey, Timothy, George and Jane are children of Wm. Butt the elder, late of Stafford, innholder, decd.) of 1st part, Alice Butt of Stafford, widow, relict. and admix. of Wm. Butt the younger, late of Stafford, innholder, decd., which said Wm. Butt the younger was another son of Wm. Butt the elder) of 2nd part, and George Hayes, of Lichfield, apoth., of 3rd part, as follows, reciting certain articles of agreement dated 17 Apl. 1741, made between said Wm. Butt the elder and Barbara his wife (since decd.) of 1st part, said George Hayes of 2nd part, said Wm. Butt, the younger of 3rd part, said Alice Butt, by name of Alice Hayes of Lichfield, spinster, niece of said George Hayes, of 4th part, and said Carey Butt of 5th part, the said George Hayes, for advancement in world of said Wm. Butt jun. and Alice Hayes, thereby covenanted to pay to said Wm. Butt jun. £100 on day of mar. intended between said Wm. Butt jun. and Alice Hayes (which mar. soon

after took effect and said £100 was paid to said Wm. Butt jun.) and said George Hayes by said articles further covenanted that his heirs, exors., and admors., should within 12 months after his decease pay unto said Wm. Butt jun., his exors., etc., further £200, making together £300, which was sum proposed to be given by said George Hayes to said Wm. Butt jun. as mar. portion of said Alice Hayes, with proviso that said George Hayes might at any time pay last mentioned sum of £200, or part thereof, to said Alice Hayes for her better support, etc., and for her own separate use, etc., and said Wm. Butt jun. by same articles agrees, etc., etc. (as in previous deed), and as for remaining £50, the interest thereof, the yearly sum of 40s/–, to be paid to said Jane Poole, not to her husband Richard Poole, since decd., with power for said Carey Butt to pay said sum of £50 to Jane Poole, to set her up or put her in some way of business, or if said £50 be not paid to Jane Poole in her lifetime, then said Carey Butt, his exors., etc., shall pay same to Ann Poole, dau. of said Jane, or surviving child or children of said Jane. Said Wm. Butt jun. died intestate, and said Alice Butt has taken out letters of admon.; the personal estate of said Wm. Butt is little more than sufficient to discharge his debts and funeral expenses and pay said £160 (said Carey Butt having acquitted said Wm. Butt of £40 part of said £50 secured to said Carey Butt by said recited articles), and said Carey Butt, Timothy Butt, George Butt and Jane Poole have agreed to accept of said £160 to be paid them as hereafter mentioned in lieu of said £200 and to release their right, etc., to personal estate of said Wm. Butt jun., and said Alice Butt agrees to pay on 25 Dec. 1746 to said Carey Butt, £160, £10 thereof to said Carey Butt, £50 more to said Timothy Butt, and so on, and said George Hayes covenants that his exors., etc., within 12 months after his decease shall pay £200 to said Alice Butt. Sigs. of Carey Butt, Timothy Butt, Geo. Butt, Geo. Hayes, Alice Butt.

Articles of agreement between Wm. Brookes of Orgreave, co. Staff., gent., of 1st part, Alice Butt, widow and relict of William Butt, late of boro' of Stafford, innholder, decd., of 2nd part, and Carey Butt, of Lichfield, apoth., of 3rd part, dated 4 Apl. 1744. Whereas by certain articles of agreement dated 13 Mch. last (*recites terms of previous deed*), And whereas there is a mar. shortly intended to be had between said Wm. Brookes and Alice Butt, and she said Alice Butt being now possessed of a pretty good personal estate, consisting of stock in trade, and household goods, and also tenant right to house wherein she dwells, and some land now held by her, which upon her mar. with Wm. Brookes will immediately vest in him, It is agreed that said £200 shall remain for sole and separate use of said Alice Butt and be free from debts and control of said intended husband, And for that purpose she said Alice Butt assigns to Carey Butt his exors., admors., and assigns, said sum of £200 to be paid by said George Hayes in trust for her own sole private use, etc. Wm. Brookes covenants that if said Alice survives him she shall have all his household goods, plate, stock, etc., and if said Wm. Brookes survives her then his whole real and personal estate (the £200 paid by George Hayes excepted) shall be at his own disposal. Sigs. of William Brookes and Alice Butt. Wits., Theo. Levett and Brome Blackbourne.

It will have been seen that the history of the family at Lichfield begins with the marriage of William Butt to Ann Hayes, at St. Mary's, on 7 Oct. 1706. I have not traced the name earlier in the town, and no Butt occurs in the Lichfield census of 1695. Mrs. Cameron says that the Butts came from Stroud in Gloucestershire (*Life of Mrs. Cameron*, p. 213), and Archdeacon Cameron feels confident that William Butt, bap. 2 May 1677 at Minchinhampton, three miles from Stroud, son of Timothy Butt of Minchinhampton and Martha his wife*, was the William Butt who settled at Lichfield. This is supported by the facts that the pedigree in Kelly's *Life of Mrs. Sherwood*, p. 5, gives Carey Butt as son of " Timothy Butt " who married " Miss Hayes," and that William Butt of Lichfield, as has been seen, had a son Timothy ; but actual proof is lacking at present.

The pedigree-mongers who endowed Mrs. Sherwood with such an ancient and respectable ancestry would have stimulated our imagination much more if they had told us that William Butt, Mrs. Sherwood's great-grandfather, had during the later years of his life been mine host of The Swan at Stafford.

The following is the pedigree as it now stands :—

WILLIAM BUTT, of Lichfield, and afterwards landlord of The Swan inn at Stafford ; probably bap. 2 May 1677 at Minchinhampton, co. Glouc., son of Timothy Butt of that place ; mar. 7 Oct. 1706 at St. Mary's, Lichfield, to Ann, dau. of —— Hayes, of Lichfield, and Alice his wife, and sister of George Hayes, of

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* Archdeacon Cameron sends me the following pedigree of Butt of Minchinhampton, as he has worked it out :—(I.) *Walter Butt*, bur. there 4 Aug. 1573 ; had issue (with Richard, bap. there 15 Sep. 1563 ; mar. there 26 May 1593 to Alice Chambers ; bur. there 21 Sep. 1615, having had a son Timothy, bap. there 3 Sep. 1613, and other issue) a son, (II.) *Walter Butt*, bap. there 6 Jan. 1562 ; mar. there 8 Apl. 1594 to Katherine Hall and had issue John, Walter, Anne and Elizabeth, of whom the second son, (III.) *Walter Butt*, bur. there 30 Dec. 1634, mar. 1st —— and had issue Thomas, Richard, and Elizabeth, and 2nd —— and had further issue Timothy, William and Martha, of whom (IV.) *Timothy Butt*, bap. there 18 May 1627, was bur. there 18 May 1703 ; will proved 21 Aug. 1703 at Gloucester ; mar. 16 May 1659, at Bisley, nr. Stroud, to Martha Seville, who died 27 May 1718, by whom he had issue Samuel, Walter, Richard, William (bap. 2 May 1677 ; ? afterwards of Lichfield), and perhaps Timothy.

Jeremiah, son of Samuel Butt, of Minchinhampton, Glouc., pleb., *pauper puer*, matric. 20 Nov. 1663, aged 16, from St. Edmund Hall, Oxf. (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*). As the ages tally, no doubt he was identical with Jeremiah Butt, physician, who died in London 5 Mch. 1694 aged 47 (" Musgrave's Obituary," *Harleian Society*).

Lichfield, apothecary* ; mar. again to Barbara ——, who was living 20 Apl. 1741 and dead 13 Mch. 1743/4. William Butt, who was also living 20 Apl. 1741 and dead 13 Mch. 1743/4, had issue by Ann Hayes his wife,

I. William Butt, bap. 6 Apl. 1708 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; succeeded his father as landlord of The Swan inn at Stafford in Apl. 1741 ; mar. 1741 at St. Mary's, Stafford, to his mother's niece, Alice Hayes ; admon. granted at Lichfield, 20 Oct. 1743, to Alice Butt, of Stafford, his widow, who on 4 Apl. 1744 was about to marry William Brookes, of Orgreave, co. Staff., gent.

II. CAREY BUTT, of whom presently.

III. Timothy Butt, of Lichfield, barber ; bap. 27 May 1711 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; mar. 1 Feb. 1733/4, at Castle Church, nr. Stafford, to Sarah Ward ; living 24 Sep. 1764 ; had issue,†

a. Sarah Butt, bap. 19 Nov. 1739 at St. Mary's, Lichfield.

b. William Butt, bap. 6 Sep. 1742 at St. Mary's, Lichfield.

c. Ann Butt, bap. 12 Mch. 1743/4 at St. Mary's, Lichfield, living unmar. 24 Sep. 1764.

d. Carey Butt, bap. 11 June 1745 at St. Mary's, Lichfield.

e. Susanna Butt, bap. 3 Aug. 1747 at St. Mary's, Lichfield (? bur. 23 May 1748 at St. Michael's).

IV. George Butt, of Stafford, sadler ; bap. 25 Mch. 1713 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; mar. Jan. 1742 at St. Mary's, Stafford, to Mary Bentley. Will dated 14 Sep. 1746 ; admon. granted 27 Aug. 1750 to Mary Butt, widow, the relict.

V. James Butt, bap. 10 May 1717 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; dead 13 Mch. 1743/4.

I. Jane Butt, bap. 5 Sep. 1714 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; mar. Richard Poole, who left her a widow before 20 Apl. 1741, leaving a dau. Ann Poole, living 13 Mch. 1743/4.

CAREY BUTT, of Pipe Grange, Lichfield, surgeon and apothecary, second son of William Butt above ; bap. 20 Mch. 1708/9 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; died 7 Jan. 1781 at Hill Top House ; bur. 12 Jan. 1781 at St. Michael's, Lichfield. Will dated 19 Dec. 1780, proved 14 Feb. 1792 at Lichfield. Mar. 3 Apl. 1737, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, to Elizabeth, younger dau. and only surviving child of John Marten, of Lichfield, apothecary, by Hannah his first wife, dau. of Rev. Richard Hutchinson (see *ante*, p. 123). Mrs. Carey Butt survived her husband,

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* George Hayes was Sheriff of Lichfield in 1728, Junior Bailiff in 1733, and Senior Bailiff in 1741 (Harwood's *Lichfield*, pp. 432-3). George Hayes, gent., was bur. 17 Mch. 1764 at St. Michael's.

† Archdeacon Cameron says that one of the daus. mar. George Crump, whose son George was a surgeon at Albrighton.

and died 31 Dec. 1789 at Trentham, co. Staff., being bur. there 2 Jan. 1790, aged 82. Mrs. Sherwood describes her grandfather Carey Butt as "a man of extraordinary uprightness and simplicity of character . . . His wife was a little old woman, very plain in her dress, and simple in her manners ; I could suppose that she had never been a woman of strong sense" (Darton's *Mrs. Sherwood*, p. 2). She gives an interesting picture of Pipe Grange, and its inhabitants, as it appeared to her on a visit in May 1779, when she celebrated her fourth birthday (*ibid.*, pp. 23-4). Carey Butt had issue by Elizabeth Marten,

I. John Marten Butt ; bap. 18 Oct. 1738 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; matric. 14 Dec. 1762, aged 21, at St. Mary Hall, Oxford, as son of Carey Butt, of Stafford (town) (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*). He rose to considerable distinction as a physician, practising first in Jamaica, and afterwards in England, at Bath, where he died 18 Oct. 1769, at early age of 31, being bur. at Bath Abbey Church on 22 Oct. 1769. Will undated, proved 15 Dec. 1769 in P.C.C. "With a genius scarcely inferior to that of his brother (George), he possessed a considerable share of that worldly prudence, in which the latter was frequently deficient," says Dr. Valpy. While in Jamaica he mar. Mary Atkins, widow of Francis Maclean, but had no issue.* There is, or was, a monument to his memory in Bath Abbey Church, with an inscription by his brother George. He was M.D. and F.R.S. (Valpy's *Reading School Poems*, p. 233 ; Darton's *Mrs. Sherwood*, pp. 7-8 ; Kelly's *Mrs. Sherwood*, p. 7 ; *Harleian Society*, "Musgrave's Obituary," and "Register Section," vol. 28, p. 456).

II. George Butt, M.A., D.D., Christ Church, Oxf. ; Rector of Stanford-on-Teme, Vicar of Kidderminster, and Chaplain to George III., etc., etc., a literary man of some note (see literary sources already cited) ; born 26 Dec. 1741 ; bap. 30 Dec. 1741 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; died 30 Sep. 1795, at Stanford-on-Teme, and bur. there ; mar. 26 Apl. 1773, at St. Mary's, Warwick, Mary Martha, dau. of Henry Sherwood, of the Priory, Coventry,† who died 20 Mch. 1817, aged 66, and was bur. at Stanford, having had issue,

1. Rev. John Marten Butt, M.A., Christ Church, Oxf. ; Vicar of East Garston, Berks., from 1802, and Rector of Oddingley ; born 10 Mch. 1774 ; died 4 Mch. 1846 ; bur. at Stone, Staffs. He mar. 1st, Mary Ann, dau. of —— Congreve ; and 2nd, Jemima, dau. of —— Hubbal, leaving large families by both wives. Lucy Butt, a dau. of the 1st mar., mar. the Rev. Henry Hassard-Short, who, as already stated, was responsible for the fictitious pedigree of the Butts in Kelly's

* I take this from his will, but Archdeacon Cameron says he mar. Sarah, dau. of Wm. Smith, of Southam., co. War., and Golden Grove, Jamaica, and widow of Wm. D'Warris.

† By Martha his wife, dau. of Rev. John Ashcroft, Rector of Fishtoft, Lincs.

Life of Mrs. Sherwood. Matilda Butt, a dau. of the 2nd mar., mar. the Rev. Stanley Leathes, D.D., and was mother of Sir Stanley Mordaunt Leathes, late Secretary to the Civil Service Commission.

1. Mary Martha Butt, author of *The Fairchild Family;* born 6 May 1775 at Stanford-on-Teme; mar. 30 June 1803 to her first cousin Henry Sherwood (son of Henry Sherwood), Capt. 53rd Foot; died 22 Sep. 1851 at Twickenham. See her biographies, etc. Her husband, born 1 Jan. 1777, died 6 Dec. 1849, having had a large family by her, one of whom, Sophia, mar. 1st Dr. Streeten, and 2nd Dr. Kelly, and was her mother's biographer.
2. Lucy Lyttelton Butt, writer of religious tales for children; born 29 Apl. 1781 at Stanford-on-Teme; mar. 12 June 1806 to Rev. Charles Richard Cameron (born 1781), M.A., Christ Ch., Oxf., Rector of Swaby, Lincs., son of Charles Cameron, M.D., of Worcester. She died 6 Sep. 1858, and was bur. at Swaby. She had a large family, and her descendants are very numerous. Her son, the Rev. Francis Marten Cameron, was father of the Rev. George Henry Cameron, Archdeacon of Johannesburg, to whose genealogical researches I have already acknowledged my indebtedness.

III. William Butt, bap. 10 Jan. 1744/5 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; bur. 21 Mch. 1750/1 at St. Michael's, Lichfield.

IV. Thomas Simon Butt, born 7 Oct. 1750; bap. 22 Oct. 1750 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; matric. 26 Mch. 1770, aged 19, from Christ Ch., Oxf.; B.A. 1773; curate of Ryton, Salop, and of Trentham, co. Staff., where his widowed mother lived with him. He became Incumbent of Blurton, co. Staff., and Rector of Arley, same co., dying at Blurton in 1801. Will dated 13 Oct. 1789; admon., with will annexed, granted 7 Dec. 1801 at Lichfield. In Sep. 1773 he mar. Bessie, dau. of —— Congreve, of Peter Hall, nr. Coventry, by whom he had issue,

1. Richard Chappel Butt, bur. 21 July 1793 at St. Michael's, Lichfield.
2. Thomas Butt, matric. 5 Feb. 1795, aged 18, from Christ Ch., Oxf.; B.A. 1799; M.A. 1802; perpetual curate of Trentham from 1806 till his death on 14 June 1841, also Rector of Arley, co. Staff., and of Kynnersley, Salop. He mar. 18 Oct. 1820, Catharine, elder dau. of Rev. Edward Bromhead, M.A., Rector of Reepham, Norfolk, and widow of James Edwards [1757–1816], of Pall Mall, the bookseller and bibliographer. Mrs. Thomas Butt died 12 May 1863, leaving issue, by her 2nd husband, a son,

   Thomas Bromhead Butt, of St. John's Coll., Oxf.; and of the 79th Highlanders; afterwards Col. commanding 62nd Brigade Depot; born 3 Aug. 1821; died 6 Aug. 1877; mar. 14 July 1852 Geraldine May, dau. of Wm. Smith Sewell, of Quebec and had issue, for whom see Lodge's *Peerage*, under Bromhead, Bart. Lady Bosanquet (*ante*, III., 175) is his third dau.

I. Alice Butt, bap. 24 July 1740 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; mar. 23 Mch. 1766, at St. Mary's, to Thomas Salt, of Lichfield, surgeon and apothecary, to whom Carey Butt relinquished his practice. Mrs. Salt died 25 Mch. 1801 at Lichfield, and Dr. Salt on 27 May 1817. They had issue,

1. John Butt Salt, M.D. ; born 9 Mch. 1768 ; died 24 Feb. 1804, unmar.
2. Thomas Salt, went to sea in a trading vessel, which was never heard of again.
3. Charles Salt, M.D., of Cheltenham ; born 14 May 1779 ; mar. 1st, Miss Meacock, of Chester, and had by her Caroline, his only child ; mar. 2nd, after his mother's death, Margaret, only dau. of Samuel Pipe Wolferstan, of Statfold, nr. Tamworth.
4. William Salt, died young.
5. Henry Salt, the traveller and collector of antiquities ; born 14 June 1780, at Lichfield ; educated as artist ; sent on government mission to King of Abyssinia, 1809–11 ; appointed in 1815 Consul-General in Egypt, where he made various discoveries ; F.L.S. and F.R.S. ; died 29 or 30 Oct. 1827 ; bur. at Alexandria. In 1819 he mar., at Alexandria, a dau. of Mr. Pensa, merchant at Leghorn. About 1821 he had a dau. Georgina Henrietta, who survived him, and in Apl. 1824 another child, who died almost immediately, with the mother. See life of him in *Dict. Nat. Biog.*, and Halls's *Life of Henry Salt*, from which most of my information of the Salt family is derived.

1. Jane Salt, mar. 1st, Robert Halls, M.D., of Colchester (uncle to J. J. Halls, the biographer of Henry Salt) ; and 2nd, 1802, Elisee William De Visme, born 1758, Brevet Col. Coldstream Guards, commonly called Count De Visme, by whom she had issue.
2. Elizabeth Butt Salt, mar. 12 Jan. 1801, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, to Simon Morgan, of Lichfield, surgeon, who succeeded to his father-in-law's practice.
3. Catherine Salt, died young.

APPENDIX H

THE ADEYS OF LICHFIELD

(See *ante*, III., 69, 93, 129, 133)

In *The Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 212, I printed some particulars of the Adeys, and I am now able to give a

fuller account. There were a large number of persons of the name in and around Lichfield, but I must confine myself to those whose connexion can be traced with Joseph Adey, Town Clerk of Lichfield 1746–63. The following are entries extracted from St. Mary's register, Lichfield :—

1683. Dec. 25. bap. Mary, dau. of Mr. Thomas Adey.
1684. Dec. 29. bap. Sarah, dau. of Thomas Adey.
1687. Apl. 26. bap. Ann, dau. of Thomas Adie.
1689. Dec. 8. bap. Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Adey.
1693. Dec. 6. bap. Margaret, dau. of Thomas Adey.
1697. Oct. 21. bap. Rebecca, dau. of Mr. Thomas Adey.
1697/8. Mch. 19. bur. Rebecca, dau. of Mr. Thomas Adey.
1699. May 13. bap. Catherine, dau. of Mr. Thomas Adey.
1699. Dec. 7. bap. William, son of Mr. Joseph Adey.
1701. July 2. bap. Samuel, son of Mr. Joseph Adey.
1701/2. Feb. 28. bap. Thomas, son of Mr. Thomas Adey.
1702. Dec. 28. bap. Jane, dau. of Mr. Joseph Adey.
1704. Apl. 22. bur. Thomas, son of Mr. Thomas Adey.
1704. June 9. bap. Joseph, son of Mr. Joseph Adey.
1706. Apl. 4. bap. Mary, dau. of Joseph Adey.
1706. Apl. 17. mar. Ralph Heath and Mary Adey, at Hambridge Chapel.
1706. Nov. 9. bur. Mary, dau. of Joseph Adey.
1707. Sep. 11. bap. William, son of Mr. Thomas Adey.
1707/8. Feb. 11. bap. Charles, son of Mr. Joseph Adey.
1707/8. Feb. 12. bur. Charles, son of Mr. Joseph Adey.
1710/11. Jan. 17. bap. Mabel and Elizabeth, daus. of Mr. Joseph Adey.
1711. Apl. 27. bur. Elizabeth, dau. of Mr. Joseph Adey.
1714. Apl. 12. bur. William, son of Mr. Joseph Adey.
1735. Apl. 2. bap. John, son of Mr. Joseph Adey.
1736. Mch. 26. bap. John, son of Mr. Joseph Adey.
1737. Nov. 22. bap. Elizabeth, dau. of Mr. Joseph Adey.
1741/2. Jan. 16. bap. Mary, dau. of Mr. Joseph Adey.
1743. Apl. 21. bap. Felicia, dau. of Mr. Joseph Adey.
1744/5. Jan. 13. bap. William, son of Mr. Joseph Adey.

None of the Adey entries at St. Chad's seem to relate to the Town Clerk's kindred, but a few at St. Michael's help us :—

1721/2. Jan. 25. bur. Charles, son of Joseph Adey.
1734. Sep. 22. bur. Mr. Joseph Adye.
1735. Aug. 3. bur. Mrs. Mary Adye.
1737. Nov. 30. bur. Mrs. Adye and dau., wife and dau. of Mr. Joseph Adye.
1739. Apl. 22. mar. Mr. Joseph Adye and Felicia Hammon.

1740/1. Jan. 17. bur. Joseph, son of Mr. Joseph Adye.
1743. May 3. bur. A child of Mr. Joseph Adey's of St. Mary's.
1763. Dec. 25. bur. Mr. Joseph Adey, Town Clerk.
1778. Apl. 20. bur. Mrs. Felicia Adey, from Tamworth Street.

In the centre aisle of St. Michael's are two stones with this inscription, kindly copied for me by the Rector, the Rev. Percival Howard :—

Here lyes the Bodies of | Joseph Adey, Gent: | and Mary his Wife, their Piety | to God was Sincere and Exem | plary, their Mutuall Conjugall | Affection and Parentall Care | rendred them the Delight of | their owne Family, their Charity | made them dear to the Poore, | and their Universall Goodness | and Humanity gained the | Respect and Esteeme of all | who knew them. He Died | the 19th of Sepr 1734, Aged 59. | She Died the 1st of August | 1735, Aged 58.

The following are abstracts of wills of various members of the family :—

SAMUEL ADEY, of Walsall, gent. Will dated 1 June 1680. Sick and weak, etc. To be bur. at discretion, etc. To wife Mabell, all houses, lands, etc., in Aldridge, co. Staff., for life, then to son Joseph Adey, he to pay £40 each to my younger daus. Mary and Ann, within 3 years after my decease. Lands and tenements given me by grandfather Suffolk, after decease of my mother, to remain to wife Mabell for life, then to said son for remainder of term, he paying £10 each to daus. Mary and Ann. To wife Mabell all personal estate, she to be extrix. Wits., Richard Browne, Vic., Anne Adey, Ann × Martin, Will. Holden. Inventory 22 June 1680 by Thos. Shepherd and Richd. Holloway ; total, £67–11–0. Proved 4 Jan. 1680/1, at Lichfield, by Mabella Adey, relict and extrix.

NICHOLAS ADYE, of Chorley, co. Staff., yeo. Will dated 11 Apl. 1690. "In reasonable good health." To be bur. at discretion of exor. To dau. Ann Taylor, 1s/–. To son John Adye, 3s/–. To son Nathaniel Adye, of Dudley, 3s/–. To granddau. Ann Adye, dau. of Samuel Adye, decd., 4s/–. All legacies to be paid by exor. within 12 months after decease. Rest of goods, cattle, chattels, household stuff and implements of household, and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever, after payment of debts, legacies and funeral expenses, to son Thomas Adye, whom I make exor. Signed, Nicholas Adye, *senr.* Wits., Henry Shipston, Isaac Hinckley and Wm. Northwood. Proved 17 Feb. 1698/9, at Lichfield, by the sole exor.

THOMAS ADEY, of Lichfield, bridle cutter. Will dated 11 Dec. 1729. Debts, etc., to be paid by dau. Elizabeth Cotton, widow, whom I make sole extrix. To grandchild Mary Heath £15, and grandchild Sarah Heath, £5. If any part of said sums be laid out in clothes or other necessaries for them, either by myself before my decease, or by my extrix., such part to be deducted from said legacies. Son-in-law, William Startin, is indebted to me upon a bond of £60 :

I bequeath same to three grand-children, Elizabeth, Anne and John Startin (children of said William), equally, at 21. To said dau. Elizabeth Cotton, a "little spot of land" called Kingsland, with appurts., whereon a barn formerly stood, adjoining a croft belonging to me in Schoolhouse Lane, in city of Lichfield, now in ten. of Widow Rochford. To dau. Sarah Adey 1s/–, and dau. Ann Allen 1s/–, they having had their fortune. To dau. Elizabeth Cotton, household goods and furniture, plate, money, etc., and all other personal estate. Wits., Sarah Smith, Thos. Moore jun., Jo: Adey jun. Proved 17 Dec. 1731, at Lichfield, by sole extrix.

JOSEPH ADEY, of Lichfield, gent. Will dated 30 Oct. 1731. To be bur. at discretion of wife, Mary Adey, whom I make sole extrix. To said wife, to enable her to pay my debts, land, pasture, and meadow in par. of Monks Kirby, co. War., called the Floss-ground, in holding of Wm. Bodington, and messuage wherein I now dwell in Tamworth Street, also interest in reversion, etc., of all the messes., lands, etc., in Clifton Campville and Haunton and elsewhere in co. Staff., demised or leased to Wm. Lovelace, gent., by Hon. Francis Coventry, esq., decd., and devised to me by last will of said Mr. Lovelace, after decease of his niece Mrs. Jane Busfield (now wife of Mr. Farmer), for remainder of said term of 99 years. To said wife all ready money, moneys owing on mortgage, etc., all books, linen, bedding, cattle, etc., and personal estate. To son Samuel Adey, £50 above what he has had from me. To son Joseph Adey, lands in Chorley, co. Staff., held by lease from Earl of Uxbridge, for remainder of term of 99 years. To said son Joseph, £200. To dau. Mabel Adey, £500. To son Joseph Adey, my books in law and divinity. Wits., Hum. Hawkins, Chas. Howard, Ann Dickin. Proved 30 Oct. 1734, at Lichfield, by Mary Adey, sole extrix.

MARY ADEY, of Lichfield, widow. Will dated 22 Feb. 1734/5. All right, title, etc., to messes., lands, etc., in Clifton Campville and Haunton, co. Staff., devised to me by late husband, Joseph Adey, gent., decd., for life, after dec. of Mrs. Joane Busfield (now wife of Mr. John Farmer of Clifton Campville), to daus. Jane Simpson (wife of Stephen Simpson, of Lichfield, gent.) and Mabel Adey, subject to payment of £50 by each of said daus. to son Samuel Adey. To dau. Jane Simpson, three large silver castors. To dau. Mabel, silver coffee pot, silver salver, two stoucked silver cups and silver soup ladle, also certain furniture, china, bed and bedding. To son Joseph Adey, mess. wherein I now dwell in Tamworth Street, subject to payment of yearly rent charge of £10 to said dau. Mabel until dec. of said Mrs. Farmer, and £100 to son Samuel Adey. To said son Joseph Adey, all household goods, furniture, plate, etc., not hereinbefore bequeathed; and tenant right to land called Bitchfield. Ready money, moneys on mortgage, etc. (after payment of debts, legacies, etc.) to daus. Jane Simpson and Mabel Adey, in trust to pay grandchildren, Catherine, Joseph, Stephen and Charles Simpson, £10 each, and to sister Elizabeth Rose, £20. Rest and residue to daus. Jane and Mabel, whom I make exors. Wits., J. Martin, H. Edwards, Char. Howard. Proved 1 Sep. 1735, at Lichfield, by both extrixes.

SARAH ADYE, of Lichfield, spinster. Will dated 31 Jan. 1741/2. Of indifferent good health, etc. Body to be put into a lead coffin cased up in a strong handsome oak coffin, and to be handsomely and decently bur. in a strong brick vault in vestry of par. church of St. Mary's, Lichfield, by middle of wall on left hand going into vestry. All debts, etc., to be paid out of personal estate. To sister Elizabeth Cotton and good friend Mrs. Priscilla Holmes, £10 each, and I appoint them extrixes. To nephew, William Cotton, £5. To cousin John Adye and his wife Elizabeth, £5 each. To cousin Joseph Adye, and his wife (not named), in this city of Lichfield, £5 each. To Mr. Stephen Simpson, of this city, and cousin Jane his wife, £5 each. To poor of St. Mary's, £3. Whereas I have always declared against leaving anything to nephew Joseph Allen, I give £10 to be disposed of at discretion of exors. I give 30 common prayer books, about 2ª/- a book, to 30 poor boys and girls of par. of St. Mary's. To said par. church, a silver basin for the font, about £20 value, to be bought and prepared by extrixes. out of personal estate, and by them to be delivered to minister and churchwardens, by them and their successors to be kept and preserved for its proper use at the font for ever. After debts, funeral expenses, and legacies are paid, as also a handsome stone monument as I shall order extrixes. to be erected, then I give rest and residue of effects to my two nieces, Sarah Heath and her sister Mary Palmer, equally, except wearing apparel, which I leave to be entirely disposed of at discretion of extrixes. Wits., Jane Webb, Agnes Kilbey, Richard Kilbey. Signed, Sarah Adye. Proved 23 Mch. 1742/3, at Lichfield, by Priscilla Holmes and Elizabeth Cotton, joint extrixes.

Sheet of directions attached to will :—" I doe herein order that yᵉ Persons whom I have left in Power of my Buriall shall order as near as may be such a Monument as yᵉ late Mr. Samuel Mousleys's, fixed about yᵉ Middle Height from yᵉ ground on the North side wall next yᵉ Chancell in the Vestry in St. Mary's Chappel, about the middle of yᵉ wall, with yᵉ following words. In full hopes of a blessed Immortality, near here lyeth yᵉ Body of Sarah Adye, daughter of yᵉ Late Thomas Adye, Gent., one of the Senior Magistrates of this City, and son of the Late Nicholas Adye of Chorley, gent, descended from the Adyes of Stittingbourn in Kent. She departed this Life

" With Adye's Arms at yᵉ bottom, as also my Name and Armes on yᵉ Silver Bason at ye Font. The Armes are as underwrit, from Guilliams book of Heraldry. He beareth Armes a fest Dancettee or, between 3 Cherubins argent crined of the second, by the name of Adey this Coat was confirmed by Sʳ. Wᵐ. Segar Garter the 20th May the 11th of King James yᵉ 1st to John Adye of Dodington in Kent, son & heir of John Adye of Stittingborne In the said County, son and heir of John Adye of Greet in yᵉ Parish of Dodington, whose youngest brother was Nicholas Adye, Gent."

MARY SNEYD, wife of John Sneyd, of Belmont, par. of Ipstones, co. Staff., esq. Will dated 25 Apl. 1805. I desire to be bur. in St. Michael's, Lichfield, near aunt Mary Cobb, unless I can be bur. near father and mother. To husband, £1000 and my books. To brother John Adey, of Aylsham, co. Norf., £300 and

pictures, and to his wife £50. To Thomas Shepherd, of Thornton Hall, Bucks., esq., £200. To Charles Simpson, of Lichfield, esq., £200. To Elizabeth Shepherd, dau. of Thomas Shepherd, £100. To Francis Cobb, of Lichfield, esq., £100; to Francis Robinson, of Lichfield, £50; to Rev. Thomas Moss, of Trentham, £100; to Joseph Colton, of Ellesmere, co. Salop, £100, and to Mr. Henry Colton, of Lichfield, £100. To Mr. William Simpson, barrister-at-law, £200. To Sarah and Mary Tyson, of Lichfield, £50 each. To Mr. William Feary, of Lichfield, £20. To James Susanna Patton, of Lichfield, esq., £50, and the picture of Susanna to his wife, and £100 to his dau. Merrial Patton, and £400 to his dau. Anna Maria Patton. To Mrs. Parker, widow of Thomas Parker, of Parkhall, esq., £20, and to Robert their son £20, and to Ann and Mary Mallet, of Lichfield, £20 each. To Rev. Wm. Carlisle, if still vicar of Ipstones, £20. Legacies to servants and labourers in husband's service. To brother John Adey, freehold land near St. Michael's, Lichfield. Resid. legatee and exor., husband. Wits., Wm. Stripling, Henry Ward, Ann Shaw, serv^{t}. to F. Robinson. Admon. granted 13 Feb. 1830, in P.C.C. (Beard 122), of goods of testatrix, relict of John Sneyd, late of Lichfield, widow, to Edward Simpson, cousin german once removed and one of next of kin, Priscilla Fenton and Clement Sneyd, named in John Sneyd's will, declining, and with consent of Anne Jane de Pirché, wife of Ernest de Pirché, and Jane Simpson, spinster, also cousins german once removed.

Having now presented all the principal evidence, I may explain that at present the parentage of Joseph Adey, father of the Town Clerk and the real founder of the family, is not absolutely proved. But we know from the will of Miss Sarah "Adye," of Lichfield, in 1742, that Joseph Adey, the Town Clerk, and his sister Jane, wife of Stephen Simpson, were her "cousins"; and from the interesting document attached to the will that she was daughter of Thomas Adey, of Lichfield, and granddaughter of Nicholas Adey, of Chorley, in the parish of Farewell, near Lichfield. "Cousin" at that time often described a nephew, but the evidence seems clear that her father, Thomas Adey, left no male descendants, so that we must look further afield. Her grandfather, Nicholas Adey, in his will of 1690, mentions his son Samuel, deceased, whose daughter Ann gets a small legacy. There can be little doubt that this son was Samuel Adey, of Walsall, who died in 1680, leaving a younger daughter Ann. The following entries in the Walsall register relate to his family:—

1675. Mch. 25. bap. Joseph Adey, son of Samuel and Mabel.
1676. Aug. 23. bap. Mary Adey, dau. of Samuel and Mabel.
1677. Dec. 29. bap. Mabel Adey, dau. of Samuel and Mabel.
1678/9. Mch. 4. bap. Ann Adey, dau. of Samuel and Mabel.

1680. Aug. 20. bap. Mabel Adey, dau. of Samuel and Mabel.
1686. Nov. 25. mar. Nicholas Adey and Elizabeth Claridge.
1687. Sep. 15. bap. Ann Adey, dau. of Nicholas and Elizabeth.

We are pretty well justified in claiming Joseph Adey, baptized 1675, as Joseph Adey of Lichfield. To do so makes the Town Clerk, and his sister Mrs. Simpson, first cousins once removed to Miss Sarah Adye. The fact that Joseph Adey of Lichfield christened two of his children *Samuel* and *Mabel* seems almost conclusive. There is only one bit of evidence against it, which is that in 1695 Joseph Adey, then living with Richard Wakefield, the Town Clerk, and no doubt his legal assistant, was put down as a bachelor of "23." And some time in the same year the Corporation of Lichfield "paid Mr. Joseph Adie his bill of charges, in sueing Sir Michael Biddulph, tenant of the Mill Crofts, for the lands, part of the pool waste—£2–12–10" (Harwood's *Lichfield*, p. 396), which might suggest that he was more than 20 at the time. But the ages in the census were often inaccurate; and both points do not weigh strongly against the evidence as a whole and the fact that when Joseph Adey, of Lichfield, died in Sep. 1734, he was "aged 59," which exactly squares with the 1675 baptism. If Joseph Adey were not a grandson of Nicholas Adey of Chorley, his children's cousinship to Miss Sarah Adye would have been very distant; and it is to be remarked that in his own will of 1731 he mentions his leasehold lands at Chorley.

We owe much to Miss Sarah Adye's pride in her genealogy, which impelled her to tell us the names of her father and grandfather. But as regards her descent from the Adyes of Sittingbourne, by which she set so much store, I am left with an open mind. The descent she gives agrees with the Visitation pedigree of the Adyes of Sittingbourne (*Harleian Society*, vol. 42, pp. 225–6), but there is nothing to show that it bears any relation whatsoever to her own descent. It is true that each contains a Nicholas Adye, and a casual reader of her memorandum might conclude that her grandfather, Nicholas Adye, of Chorley, was the youngest brother of John Adye, of Greet, in the parish of Dodington. But this latter Nicholas was himself of Greet, and had a grandchild older than Nicholas of Chorley. It is evident that Miss Sarah Adye had no evidence of her descent from the Sittingbourne family, or she would certainly have given it.

Joseph Adey's will, in 1731, has told us that one William Lovelace bequeathed to him a reversionary interest in various properties at Clifton Campville and elsewhere in Staffordshire. The will of William Lovelace, of Clifton Campville, co. Staff., gent., dated 25 Apl. 1717, was proved 1 Apl. 1719 at Lichfield. Under it the messuage, farms, etc., leased to him by the Hon. Francis Coventry, for 99 years, on 18 Aug. 1690, at a rent of £17–13–0 per annum, were to remain to his loving niece, Mrs. Joan Bussfield, for her life, she paying reserved rent to landlord and an annuity of £12 to his brother Thomas Lovelace, and after her death to go, with same conditions, to his friend Joseph Adey, of Lichfield, gent., for remainder of lease. He further left £20 to Mr. Joseph Adey.

It will be noticed that I have found no will of Joseph Adey the Town Clerk. This is to be explained by a deed in Mr. Homer's collection, of which the following is an abstract, showing him to have been a bankrupt :—

Indenture dated 6 Mch. 1763, bet. Joseph Eld, of Shenston, co. Staff., gent., and Joseph Flavell, of Hogshall, co. Staff., gent., of one part, and Thomas Anson, of Shugboro', co. Staff., esq., of other part, Whereas by indenture of 28 Dec. last bet. Wm. Wood, of Close of Lichfield, joiner, of 1st part, Wm. Abney, esq., Isaac Hawkins and Edwd. Wolferstan, gents., the major part of commissioners named by commission of bankruptcy awarded against Joseph Adey, of Lichfield, scrivener, of 2nd part, and afsd. J.E. and J.F. of 3rd part, reciting that whereas by indenture of 9 Dec. last bet. said W. A., I.H., and E.W., of one part, and said Wm. Wood of other part, after reciting that the commission of bankruptcy dated Westminster 28 Oct. last had been awarded against said Joseph Adey, directed to said W.A., I.H., and E.W. and also to Fettiplace Nott, esq., and Richard Hinckley, gent., giving them full power to execute same, And that said commissioners having begun to put said comm. in execution, upon examination of wits., etc., found that said Joseph Adey did for several years past exercise trade or profession of scrivener and thereby sought to get his living, and during time of said trading became justly indebted to said Wm. Wood, on whose pet. said comm. issued, in sum of £100 and upwards, and that said commission had appointed said Wm. Wood to be assignee of estate, it was in said indenture of assignment of 9 Nov. witnessed that said commissioners did assign to said Wm. Wood all goods, chattels, household stuff, plate, linen, debts, leases, personal and other estate and effects of said Joseph Adey, at time he became bankrupt, in trust for himself and every other creditor presenting himself under said comm., and also further reciting in said indenture of assignment of 28 Dec. last that whereas said commissioners had caused notice to be put in London Gazette for meeting of creditors of said Joseph Adey on 27 Dec. at house of Joseph Robinson, innholder, the sign of The Star,

in Tamworth, co. Staff, to prove their debts and choose assignees of said Joseph Adey's estate, and that said commissioners did meet accordingly, and that several of the creditors did prove their debts and did nominate said Joseph Eld and Josiah Flavell (and said J.F. is one of creditors of said Joseph Adey) to be assignees of estate, etc., and said Wm. Wood did assign and said comm. did confirm to said J.E. and J.F. all goods, etc., of said Joseph Adey, in trust for benefit of said J.F. and all other the creditors, And whereas by indenture of lease dated 21 Aug. 1738 bet. Rt. Hon. Henry Earl of Uxbridge (now decd.) of one part, and said Joseph Adey, of other part, he said Henry Earl of U. did lease to said Joseph Adey that mess., etc., in Chorley, par. of Farewell, and 3 acres of land, enclosed in a certain place called Wallfield *alias* Shuthill and several crofts of pasture ground bet. Chorley Cross and lands theretofore of Thomas Deakin called Hadhillmore *alias* Crossfields, and a close of pasture called Pepler Croft bet. two lanes in Chorley, and all those arable lands then enclosed containing 3 acres, being part of lands called Freary Lands, all being in Chorley, at yearly rent of 15s/6, for 99 years, if said Joseph Adey, then aged about 34 years, Stephen Simpson his nephew, then aged about 14 years, and John Adey, son of said Joseph Adey, then aged about 2 years, or any of them, so long live, And whereas said J.E. and J.F. did cause advert. to be published in B'ham newspapers on 10 Mch. inst., with notice that real and personal estate of said Joseph Adey would be sold at house of Joseph Robinson, innholder, at Tamworth, on day of date hereof, to best bidder, for benefit of creditors, And whereas on this day said Thomas Anson was found to bid most money for purchase of estate, viz. £1022–16–1, Now this indenture witnesseth that for said sum said J.E. and J.F. assign to said Thomas Anson all said personal and real estate of said Joseph Adey, subject to such life estate in all or any of said leasehold lands and premises as Felicia, wife of said Joseph Adey, hath in same, in case she survive her husband, and subject to payment of such rents, etc., mentioned in afsd. leases, etc. Signed by Joseph Eld and Josiah Flavell.

Then follow two large sheets of parchment giving a schedule of the estate, which suggests that Joseph Adey was living in a very good house in a very good style, as the headings alone will indicate :— Garrets, Nos. 1 and 2 ; Chambers, Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 ; Closet adjoining ; No. 8, passage ; No. 9, Light Closet ; Chambers Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 ; Stair Case ; Best Parlour, No. 15 ; Passage and Pantry, 16 ; Study, No. 17 ; Hall, No. 18 ; Little Study, No. 19 ; Common Parlour, No. 20 ; Kitchen, No. 21 ; Pewter ; a parcel of Tinware ; Brass Ware ; Copper ; Brewhouse, No. 22 ; Coopery Ware ; No. 23, Small Beer and Ale Cellars ; in Pantry adjoining Kitchen, No. 24 ; Fire Arms ; Silver Plate ; French Plate ; In the Yard ; in the Limehouse ; In the Garden ; Glass Ware ; China Ware ; Linen ; Nets (7 old partridge

nets); Corn Chamber; Room adjoining; Study over the Limehouse; Stable; Blankets; Quilts; Locks; Bitchfield Piece (3 horses, etc.); Books Folio, Quarto and Octavo; Plate, Watches, Jewells, etc; Debts owing to Jos. Adey the Bankrupt. The enumeration of the "Plate, Watches, Jewells, etc.," is decidedly interesting:—

A Two Stouk'd Silver Cup given by Mrs. Felicia Hammond Wid. decd., in her lifetime, to Miss Adey, her granddaughter, But in the possn. of the sd. Mrs. Hammond at the time of her decease, w^t 11^{oz} 19^{dw} at 5/6 per oz., £3–5–9.
An old Silver Tobacco Box of the late Mr. Hammond's.
Mr. Adeys gold watch, Gold Seal with his Arms, and very small steel Seal with his crest, £7–13–9.
Mrs. Felicia Adey's Gold Watch & Chain with a large Gold Seal and Blue Heart, £8–19–9.
Mrs. F. Adey's Pinchbeck Equipage to her watch, £1–1–0.
———— Diamond Hoop Ring set in Gold, £18–0–0.
———— Diamond Ear-ring ———— £10–0–0.
Five mourning gold Rings, £1–18–6.
A Serjeant at Law's Ring and 3 other Rings, 17/6.
A child's Silver Coral, 3/6.
A broken silver Watch, Chain and 3 Silver Seals, 4/4.

Mr. Homer also sends me the following abstract:—

To Town Clerk of City and County of Lichfield—Memorial to be registered under Act of Parliament of 3 Geo. III. entitled "An Act to prevent fraudulent and occasional Votes in the Elections of Knights of the Shire and Members for Cities and Towns which are Counties of themselves, so far as relates to the Right of Voting by virtue of an Annuity or Rent Charge," of An indenture of 19 Sep. 1806 bet. John Adey, of Aylsham, co. Norf., esq., of one part, and Wm. Repton, of the same, gent., nephew of said John Adey, of other part, being grant by said John Adey to said Wm. Repton, of one annuity of 45^s/- issuing out of those 2 acres of land in a field late a common or leet field called Bole Botham belonging to co. of City of Lichfield, bet. land formerly of Sir Theoph. Biddulph and afterwards of Mrs. Moseley, on N. side, and land late of Joseph Adey and now of Mary wife of John Sneyd, esq., on S. side, and abutting on road leading from Lichfield to Whittington and Freeford towards W., now in occ. of Rev. Richard Buckeridge or his undertenants, with rights, etc., which indenture is wit. by Francis Barnes and Geo: Ives, both of Aylsham, yeo., and is hereby required to be registered by me, said John Adey the grantor, as wit. my hand and seal 20 Sep. 1806. Signed, Jno. Adey. Seal, On a bend 3 leopards heads erased: Crest, a bird holding a branch in beak.

The Rev. Charles A. Manley, Vicar of Aylsham, has kindly sent

me a copy of the inscription on a monument in the chancel of his church, which he says bears the family arms :—

Sacred to the memory of | John Adey, Esq. | formerly of Litchfield and late of this place : | who died on the 4th May, 1809, aged 73 years. | And of Dorothy Adey his widow, | who was the daughter of John Repton Esq. of Norwich | who died on the 21st April 1822 aged 75. | The union of this affectionate pair was | blessed with an uninterrupted happiness of | thirty nine years.

We can now construct a pedigree embodying all the preceding evidence :—

NICHOLAS ADEY, of Chorley, par. of Farewell, nr. Lichfield, yeo. Will dated 11 Apl. 1690, proved 17 Feb. 1698/9 at Lichfield. Mar.——, dau. of —— Suffolk, and had issue,

A. John Adey, living 11 Apl. 1690.

B. Nathaniel Adey, of Dudley, living 11 Apl. 1690.

C. SAMUEL ADEY, of Walsall, of whom presently.

D. Thomas Adey, of Market Street, Lichfield, bridle cutter : aged " 40 " in 1695*; Junior Bailiff of Lichfield, 1702 ; Senior Bailiff, 1706 and 1713; died 6 Dec. 1731, aged 80 ; bur. at Farewell (Shaw's *Staffs.*, I., 229†). Will dated 11 Dec. 1729, proved 17 Dec. 1731 at Lichfield. Mar. Elizabeth ——, aged 30 or 26 in 1695, and had issue by her, who predeceased him,

1. Thomas Adey, bap. 28 Feb. 1701/2 and bur. 22 Apl. 1704 at St. Mary's, Lichfield.

2. William Adey, bap. 11 Sep. 1707 at St. Mary's ; probably predeceased father, without issue.

1. Mary Adey, bap. 25 Dec. 1683 at St. Mary's ; aged " 10 " in 1695 ; mar. 17 Apl. 1706, at Hammerwich Chapel, to Ralph Heath, and had two daus., Sarah Heath, living unmar. 31 Jan. 1741/2, and Mary Heath, unmar. 11 Dec. 1729 but wife of —— Palmer 31 Jan. 1741/2.

2. Sarah " Adye " ; bap. 29 Dec. 1684 at St. Mary's ; aged " 8 " in 1695 ; died unmar. 1742, in Lichfield ; bur. at St. Mary's, mon. in church. Will dated 31 Jan. 1741/2, proved 23 Mch. 1742/3 at Lichfield.

3. Ann Adey, bap. 26 Apl. 1687 at St. Mary's ; wife of —— Allen, 11 Dec. 1729 ; her son Joseph Allen living 31 Jan. 1741/2.

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* His household is thus enumerated, under Market Street, in the 1695 census :— " Tho. Adie, 40 ; Eliz. his wife, 30 (26) ; Mary, 10, Sarah, 8, Eliz., 6, Margt., 3, their Daughters ; George Thornbury, Batchelor, 40 ; Margrett Hill, servt., 20 (24)."

4. Elizabeth Adey, bap. 8 Dec. 1689 at St. Mary's; aged 6 in 1695; mar. William Cotton, who died 11 Dec. 1721, aged 28, and was bur. at Farewell with two infant children, William and Thomas Cotton (Shaw's *Staffs.*, I. 229*); another child, William Cotton, was living 31 Jan. 1741/2, with his mother.
5. Margaret Adey, bap. 6 Dec. 1693 at St. Mary's; aged "3" in 1695; perhaps mar. William Startin, who was living 11 Dec. 1729 with three children, Elizabeth, Anne and John Startin.
6. Rebecca Adey, bap. 21 Oct. 1697 and bur. 19 Mch. 1697/8 at St. Mary's.
7. Catherine Adey, bap. 13 May 1699 at St. Mary's. It may have been she who mar. William Startin as above.

E. Ann Adey, living 11 Apl. 1690, mar. to —— Taylor.

SAMUEL ADEY, of Walsall, gent., son of Nicholas Adey preceding. Will dated 1 June 1680, proved 4 Jan. 1680/1 at Lichfield; mar. Mabel ——, living his widow, 4 Jan. 1680/1, and had issue,

I. JOSEPH ADEY, of Lichfield, bap. 25 Mch. 1675 at Walsall, of whom presently.

I. Mary Adey, bap. 23 Aug. 1676 at Walsall; living 1 June 1680.

II. Mabel Adey, bap. 29 Dec. 1677, at Walsall; ? died young.

III. Ann Adey, bap. 4 Mch. 1678/9 at Walsall; living 1 June 1680 and 11 Apl. 1690.

IV. Mabel Adey, bap. 20 Aug. 1680 at Walsall.

JOSEPH ADEY, only son of Samuel Adey above and Mabel his wife; bap. 25 Mch. 1675 at Walsall; mentioned in his father's will 1 June 1680; living with Richard Wakefield, Town Clerk of Lichfield, at his house in Bird Street in 1695, a bachelor, aged "23"; an attorney in Tamworth Street, Lichfield; died 19 Sep. 1734, aged 59; bur. at St. Michael's, Lichfield. Will dated 30 Oct. 1731, proved 30 Oct. 1734 at Lichfield. Mar. Mary, dau. of —— [? Rose], who died 1 Aug. 1735, aged 58, and was bur. at St. Michael's. By her, whose will of 22 Feb. 1734/5 was proved 1 Sep. 1735 at Lichfield, he had issue,

I. William Adey, bap. 7 Dec. 1699 and bur. 12 Apl. 1714, at St. Mary's, Lichfield.

II. Samuel Adey, bap. 2 July 1701 at St. Mary's; living 22 Feb. 1734/5.

III. JOSEPH ADEY, Town Clerk of Lichfield, bap. 9 June 1704 at St. Mary's, of whom presently.

IV. Charles Adey, bap. 11 Feb. 1707/8 and bur. 12 Feb. 1707/8, at St. Mary's.

V. Charles Adey, bur. 25 Jan. 1721/2, at St. Michael's.

I. Jane Adey, bap. 28 Dec. 1702 at St. Mary's; mar. 1719 Stephen Simpson, of Lichfield, attorney [1700?–74]; died Dec. 1767, aged 65, and was bur. in St. John's Chapel, Lichfield, leaving issue (for whom see *post*, p. 163).

II. Mary Adey, bap. 4 Apl. 1706 and bur. 9 Nov. 1706 at St. Mary's.

III. Mabel Adey, bap. 17 Jan. 1710/11 at St. Mary's ; living unmar. 1 Sep. 1735.

IV. Elizabeth Adey, probably twin with Mabel ; bap. 17 Jan. 1710/11 and bur. 27 Apl. 1711, at St. Mary's, Lichfield.

JOSEPH ADEY, younger surviving son of Joseph Adey preceding ; bap. 9 June 1704 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; of Lichfield, scrivener ; on 11 Aug. 1746 he succeeded Theophilus Levett (who had died 2 May : see *post*, p. 190) as Coroner and Town Clerk of Lichfield (Harwood's *Lichfield*, p. 439) ; adjudicated a bankrupt, 28 Oct. 1762 ; bur. 25 Dec. 1763 at St. Michael's, Lichfield ; apparently continued as Town Clerk after bankruptcy, as his nephew, Charles Simpson, did not succeed him till 10 Apl. 1764 (see *post*, p. 167). He mar. 1st ——, who was bur. 30 Nov. 1737 at St. Michael's, Lichfield, having had issue,

I. John Adey, bap. 2 Apl. 1735 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; died in infancy.

II. John Adey, of Aylsham, co. Norf., attorney ; bap. 26 Mch. 1736 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; aged 2, 2 Aug. 1738 ; died 4 May 1809, aged 73 ; bur. at Aylsham ; mar. about 1770 to Dorothy, only dau. of John Repton, of Norwich, collector of excise, by Martha his wife, dau. of John Fitch, of Moor Hall, co. Suffolk. Mrs. Adey, who evidently had no issue, died 21 Apl. 1822, aged 75, and was bur. at Aylsham.

I. Elizabeth Adey, bap. 22 Nov. 1737 at St. Mary's ; bur. 30 Nov. 1737 at St. Michael's.

Joseph Adey, mar. 2nd, 22 Apl. 1739, at St. Michael's, Felicia (bap. 30 Apl. 1712 at St. Mary's), elder dau. and co-heir of Richard Hammond, of Lichfield, apothecary, and of Felicia his wife (see *ante*, I. 13). Felicia, widow of Joseph Adey, died in Tamworth Street, and was bur. 20 Apl. 1778 at St. Michael's, having given him further issue,

III. Joseph Adey, bur. 17 Jan. 1740/1 at St. Michael's.

IV. William Adey, bap. 13 Jan. 1744/5 at St. Mary's ; entered Manchester Grammar School 9 July 1756 ; evidently died without issue.

II. Mary Adey, bap. 16 Jan. 1741/2 at St. Mary's ; mar. 1794 (as his third wife), John Sneyd, of Bishton and Belmont, J.P., High Sheriff of Staffs. 1770, who was born 1734 and died 1809. She died without issue 5 Jan. 1830, aged 87, at Lichfield, evidently the last descendant of her father. Will dated 25 Apl. 1805 ; admon. 13 Feb. 1830, in P.C.C.

III. Felicia Adey, bap. 21 Apl. 1743 at St. Mary's ; bur. 3 May 1743 at St. Michael's.

Lichfield news seems to have come through slowly to Dr. Johnson, for on 4 Mch., 1779, he writes to Lucy Porter (*Letters of Samuel Johnson*, ed. Birkbeck Hill, II., 87) :—

Poor Mrs. Adey was, I think, a good woman, and therefore her death is less to be lamented ; but it is not pleasant to think how uncertain it is, that, when friends part, they will ever meet again.

And on 4 May 1779 he writes to her again (Birkbeck Hill's *Boswell*, III., 393) :—

> I was sorry for poor Mrs. Adey's death, and am afraid you will be sometimes solitary.

Yet, as we have seen, she had died as long ago as April 1778.

It is curious, when we consider the various Johnsonian associations of the Adeys, which I need not recapitulate here, that when John Adey went to Norfolk he became the friend of Johnson's intimate, William Windham. On 14 Dec. 1785 the statesman records that he rode over to Holt, with Adey, to a meeting of trustees (*Windham's Diary*, ed. Mrs. Henry Baring, p. 69) ; on 27 Nov. 1793 he says that "Adey came to keep courts," and next day they go a-coursing together in Aylmerton Field (*ibid.*, 295-6) ; while on 20 Aug. 1808 he "stopped at Aylsham. Poor Adey fast declining. It is thus, I fear, that I shall go" (*ibid.* 479). Adey could have told Windham much about Johnson's days at Lichfield. Mrs. Adey was sister to Humphry Repton [1752-1818], the celebrated landscape-gardener, whose son John Adey Repton [1775-1860], the architect, bore his uncle's name.

Anna Seward maintained a life-long friendship with John Adey, and used to correspond with his wife at Aylsham. He is evidently the person claimed by her in a letter of 29 Aug. 1792 as an old lover, whose "affectionate assiduities engrossed four golden years of my earliest youth," but who went away and chose another (*Letters*, III., 161). Miss Seward had a decidedly constructive imagination ; and it may be pointed out, as she associates the romance with her "earliest youth," that John Adey was over three years her junior. Writing to Mrs. Adey on 5 June 1794 she remarks (*ibid.*, III., 363) :—

> Remind Mr. Adey of the uncommon circumstance of Mr. Sneyd, at the opening of our Vicar's hall, in the year 1757, dancing in the same set with the three women who afterwards succeeded each other as partners of his destiny. He had not then a thought of any one of them.

This was evidently written soon after Miss Mary Adey's marriage to John Sneyd.

APPENDIX J

THE SIMPSONS OF LICHFIELD

(See *ante* III., 133, 176).

STEPHEN SIMPSON [1700 ?-74], the first of his family to settle at Lichfield, is included by Boswell among those gentlemen of position who welcomed the youthful Johnson to their homes. He seems to have married when about nineteen, and his wife Jane, daughter of Joseph Adey the attorney, and sister of Joseph Adey the Town Clerk (*ante*, p. 144), was only just seventeen when their first child was born. So that although only some nine years Johnson's senior, he was a married man and a father while the bookseller's son was at Lichfield School.

It is rather unfortunate that Mr. W. F. J. Simpson, the head of the family, at present has all his personal belongings in store, so that what papers and genealogical information he possesses are quite inaccessible. This has been a considerable handicap to me, especially in compiling an account of the elder line, but I have been at some pains to work out the pedigree without their aid.

According to a sketch pedigree in the possession of Dr. C. R. Nicholson, who represents the younger line of the family, Stephen Simpson of Lichfield was son of another Stephen Simpson, who was of Chebsey in 1687 and of Chatcull in 1695, and who is shown as making two marriages, "1st wife, 1690, Jane White," and "2nd wife, Catherine Foden, 1695," the second marriage producing the younger Stephen. This statement is largely corroborated by the following abstract of a post-nuptial settlement in Mr. Homer's collection of deeds :—

Indenture of lease and release, dated 1 and 2 May 1724, between (1) Stephen Simpson the elder, of Sheriff Hales Manor, co. Salop, gent., and his son and heir, Stephen Simpson, of city of Lichfield, gent., and Jane his wife, (2) her father, Joseph Adey, of Lichfield, gent., (3) George Hector, of Lichfield, surgeon, and Thomas Cobb, of same, mercer, and (4) John Green, of Whiston, in Penkritch, co. Salop, and Mary his wife, dau. of Stephen Simpson, the elder, by Jane his first wife.

In consideration of mar. of Stephen Simpson, the younger, and Jane his wife, he and his father grant unto George Hector and Thomas Cobb, a mess., etc., in

Chebsey, co. Staff, to use of Stephen Simpson, the elder, for life, then to use of said Stephen and Jane his wife and their issue.

Signed, Ste^{n}. Simpson, Ste^{n}. Simpson jun., John Green, Mary Green, Jos. Adey, Geo. Hector, Tho. Cobb.

Wits., Joseph Simpson, Danl. Knight, Jo: Adey jun., Robt. Pries, Edw. Elcocks.

Chebsey is two miles east, and Chatcull four miles north-west of Eccleshall. Sheriff Hales, where Stephen Simpson was living in 1724, is some fifteen miles south-west of Eccleshall. According to the sketch pedigree already quoted, this Stephen was son of a Thomas Simpson, whose father was Richard Simpson of Chebsey, but the descent would need investigation. According to Charles Simpson [1800-90], Town Clerk of Lichfield, who made various notes on the family (now in possession of his grandson, Dr. C. R. Nicholson), which have helped me considerably, Stephen Simpson the first was a yeoman, who settled in Lichfield about 1714 and built the house in St. John's Street which he (Mr. C. S.) occupied in 1875. He also said that Stephen left a will in which he enumerated many personal belongings. But I have not found his will, or any evidence of his having settled in Lichfield about 1714, and as he was of Chatcull in 1715, and of Sheriff Hales in 1724, the latter statement is not likely to be correct. Admon. of one Stephen Simpson, of Wolverhampton, was granted 13 Nov. 1748, at Lichfield, to Mary Simpson, the widow, but this cannot be our Stephen, unless he married a third time.

Mr. Homer has also sent me a brief note of another settlement :—

1715. June 24. John Greene, of Whiston, par. of Penkridge, co. Staff., gent., and Stephen Sympson, of Chatcull, par. of Eccleshall, co. Staff., yeo., and Stephen Sympson his son; John Greene has mar. Mary, dau. of Stephen Sympson the elder, and they have son John.

The following are all the entries I have from the Lichfield registers relating to the family. They are almost entirely baptisms, for the burials, as we shall learn, were at St. John's Chapel, the registers of which have not been searched.

ST. MARY'S.

1719/20. Jan. 14. bap. Katherine, dau. of Mr. Stephen Sympson.
1720/1. Mch. 8. bap. Joseph, son of Mr. Stephen Sympson.
1723/4. Jan. 29. bap. Stephen, son of Mr. Stephen Sympson.

1732. Oct. 4. bap. Charles, son of Mr. Stephen Sympson.
1750. Apl 26. mar. Mr. Stephen Simpson and Miss Phœbe Ryder.
1765. May 12. bap. Charles, son of Mr. Charles Simpson.
1766. Oct. 15. bap. Edward, son of Mr. Charles Simpson.
1767. Oct. 8. bap. Stephen, son of Mr. Charles Simpson.
1769. Feb. 18. bap. Stephen, son of Mr. Charles Simpson.
1770. May 16. bap. Edward, son of Mr. Charles Simpson.
1772. Apl. 11. bap. Mary, dau. of Mr. Charles Simpson.
1776. Dec. 30. bap. Ann, dau. of Mr. Charles Simpson.
1799. Apl. 13. bap. Stephen, son of Mr. Stephen and Sarah Sophia Simpson.
1800. July 26. bap. Charles, son of Stephen and Sarah Sophia Simpson.
1801. June 29. bap. Sophia Ann, dau. of Stephen Simpson and Sarah Sophia.
1803. Aug. 12. bap. Maria, dau. of Charles and Mary Simpson.

ST. MICHAEL'S.

1767. Dec. 10. bur. A child of Mr. Charles Simpsons, a Boy.

As explained, I have not found the will of Stephen Simpson, father of the first Stephen Simpson of Lichfield, and owing to pressure of time I have not made as thorough a search for the wills of the elder branch of the family, descended from Joseph Simpson (born 1721), as I should have liked. But, with these exceptions, the following illustrate the family history pretty fully :—

EDWARD GRAVENOR, the elder, of Whitley, par. of St. Michael's, in city of Coventry, silkman. Will dated 7 July 1758. To wife Dinah, £50 and an annuity of £20 for life, and certain plate and furniture ; also a mess., etc., in Much Park St., Coventry, occupied by Wm. Home, and then to grandson Stephen Simpson, eldest son of dau. Elizabeth Simpson, wife of Joseph Simpson, of Old Southampton Buildings, esq., but if said Stephen die before 21, the same to be divided amongst all children of said Joseph and Elizabeth Simpson. To wife Dinah, stable in Cow Lane, Coventry, for life, then to grandson Edward Gravenor; and also my mess. in Back Street, city of Bristol, for life. To dau. Elizabeth Simpson the interest of £300 for life, and then to her children. To dau. Mary Gravenor, £1000 and silver tankard. To son, Edward Gravenor, silver coffee pot. To son, John Gravenor, £50. To son, Abel Gravenor, £250. To grandchildren, St. Albain Gravenor and Jane Gravenor, children of son William, £10 each. Residue to sons Edward and William Gravenor, and make them exors. Overseer, friend Richard Stean of Coventry, ironmonger. Wits., Wm. Inge, John Crutchley and Wm. Bromley. Codicil dated 21 Jan. 1761. To grandson, William Gravenor, £10. To grandchildren, Jane Simpson and Thomas Gravenor Simpson, £10 each. Wits., Mary Hodgetts, John Worcester, W. Dadley. Proved 17 Apl. 1761, at Lichfield, by Edward Gravenor, power reserv. for Wm. Gravenor.

STEPHEN SIMPSON, of Lichfield, gent. Will dated 12 July 1773. To be bur. in vault with late wife in St. John's Chapel, Lichfield. Charitable bequests. To grand-daus., Jane and Mary Reynolds, £600 each at 24, they having already £200 each out of their late father's estate at Aston. To grandchildren, Jane and Thomas Simpson, £700 each at 24, which, with legacies of £110 each given them by their grandfather, Mr. Edward Gravenor, decd., will make their portions £810; in case of Jane's death without issue, her portion to grandchildren Stephen and Thomas, sons of my late son, Joseph Simpson, and Jane and Mary Reynolds. Mess. in St. John's Street, Lichfield, wherein I dwell, and land called Minors Croft there, to Robert Cheyney, of Langley, co. Derby, esq., and cousin Thomas Pearson, of Tettenhall, co. Staff., esq., in trust for son Charles for life, with contingent remainder to his issue, to son Stephen, and his issue. Meadow at bottom of garden to son Charles; also ground near Frog Lane, and a garden in Lichfield. To said grandson, Stephen Simpson, a watch, and to said grandson, Thomas Simpson, wearing apparel. To son Charles, all law books, MSS., etc., plate, use of furniture, etc. To son Stephen, burgage house in Bacon Street for life, with remainder to said grandson Stephen Simpson, whom I have apprenticed to a silk and stuff merchant. Capital mess. called Fradley Hall, in Alrewas, co. Staff., and lands, etc., there, and right of fishing in Trent and Tame, and other lands in Alrewas, to Robert Cheyney and Thomas Pearson, in trust for son Stephen, and after his death to Cary Butt, of Longdon, co. Staff., gent., and Francis Cobb, of Lichfield, esq., for 500 years, and after to male issue of said son Stephen by Phœbe his wife; to use of said grandson Stephen, in tail male; to said grandson Thomas, in tail male; to grandson Stephen, younger son of son Charles, in tail male; to Edward Simpson, son of son Charles, in tail male; to Charles, eldest son of said Charles, and his heirs for ever. Freehold estate in Shenstone, co. Staff, called the Black Cock, to sons Stephen and Charles, with remainder to grandsons before named. To niece Margaret Taylor, £5 a year. To nieces, Mary Coleire, wife of John Coleire, and Mary Tagg, £5 a year. Legacies to grandchildren, Edward and Mary, children of son Charles, and Stephen, second son of said Charles, and grandson Charles Reynolds. To servant, Hannah Bird, £10 a year. To kinsman Stephen Green and his wife, and kinsman Thomas Green, a guinea each. To son Stephen and Phebe his wife, and son Charles and Mary his wife, £10 each for mourning. Exors., sons Stephen Simpson, Dr. of Medicine, and Charles Simpson, esq. Wits., Isaac Snape, Paul Moore and Wm. Gilbert. Proved 12 Feb. 1774, in P.C.C. (Bargrave 66), by the exors.*

STEPHEN SIMPSON, of Wentworth, par. of Warth, co. York., Dr. of Physic. Will dated 17 Nov. 1783. Lands in West Riding, to wife Phœbe, and also those in co. Staff. which were hers before mar.; also field at Wickersley, in West Riding; and all my messes. in Matlock, co. Derby, and after her death the latter to brother, Charles Simpson. To said Phebe, £1000, my watches, rings,

* As this will extends to 37 folio pages, it has not been possible to include all the descriptions of property, etc.

and residue of personal estate. To niece, eldest dau. of brother Charles, £1000, and same to his youngest dau., after wife's death, at 21. To nephews, Charles, Stephen and Edward, sons of brother Charles Simpson, £500 each after wife's death. To niece Jane Simpson, dau. of late brother Joseph, and to niece Mary Reynolds, dau. of late sister, Catherine Reynolds, £200 each after wife's death. Resid. legatee and extrix., wife Phebe. Wits., Rob. Saltonstall, of Warwick Court, Holborn, T. Pickering, of Lincoln's Inn, and T. Robinson, clerk to Thos. Pickering. Proved 21 Feb. 1785, in P.C.C. (Ducarel 101), by extrix.

CHARLES SIMPSON, of Lichfield, esq. Will dated 27 Oct. 1794. To wife Mary, £300, all my horses, cows, chaise, etc., plate, linen and furniture, except pictures and books, which I give to son Charles. To wife, all messes. and lands in Shenstone, Kings Bromley, Hansacre and Armitage, co. Staff., and Sutton Coldfield, co. War., the mess. in St. John's Street, lands in St. John's Lane, close in Sandfield, mess. in St. Michael's par. and tenement adjoining, land in Pool Furlong, and another house in St. John's Street, all in Lichfield ; and two first shares in the undertaking of the Navigation from Trent to Mersey, for life, and, after her death, same to son Charles. To said Charles, shares in theatre in Boar Street, Lichfield. To said wife, other tenements in St. John's Street, and dwelling house in Bacon Street, Lichfield, with remainder after her death to son Charles. To said Charles, messes., etc., in Bradley, Haughton and Gnosall, co. Staff., and my fourth part of dwelling house in Sandford Street, Lichfield, and other lands, etc., there. To son Stephen, messes. in Market Street, Bacon Street, and land called Lyons Croft, Lichfield. To sons Stephen and Edward, moiety of lands in Gayfield, Seedyfield and Lincroft, in Lichfield. To three sons, lands, etc., in Whittington, co. Staff., and residue of estate of late brother Dr. Stephen Simpson, on death of his wife Phebe, and shares, etc. To dau. Anna Jane Simpson, four shares in said Navigation. To eldest dau., Mary Simpson, £80 a year. To sister-in-law, Mrs. Phebe Simpson, 20 guineas. To sisters Mrs. Ann Lloyd and Mrs. Bridget Cheney, and brother Lloyd, and nieces Jane Simpson, Mary Reynolds and Sarah Simpson, and nephew Thomas Simpson, 10 guineas each. Exors., sons Charles, Stephen and Edward. Wits., Theo. Buckeridge, Lewis Buckeridge and John Austin. Proved 18 Mch. 1796, in P.C.C. (Harris 146), by the exors.

MARY SIMPSON, of St. Michael's, Lichfield, widow. Will dated 5 Sep. 1811. To son Charles Simpson, esq., £100, he to pay my servant, Samuel Sutton, £12 a year for life, and to said Samuel a further £50. To son Charles, chaise, horses, and livestock, carts and farming utensils, and a silver bread basket, tankard, small coffee pot, frame, castor, cruets, 13 forks, also clock in hall. To son Stephen Simpson, £100, he to pay my servant John Locker, £12 a year for life, and to said John a further £50. To said Stephen, all pictures, household goods, furniture and rest of silver plate. To son Edward Simpson, £500 in 3% Bank Consolidated Annuities. To dau. Anna Jane Simpson, £300 like annuities. To dau. Mary Clapham, widow, the like, and to said two daus., household linen. To two daus.-in-law, Maria and Elizabeth Simpson, 10 guineas each, and same to

grandchildren. To Maria, dau. of son Charles, gold watch and chain. To Mary, dau. of son Edward, other gold watch. To Mrs. Bridget Cheney, widow of late brother Robert Cheney, esq., 10 guineas, and 5 guineas each to his children, Robert, Edward, William, Eliza, Jemima Cheney and Maria Myers. To nephew, Edward Cheney Winslow, and nieces Jane Lloyd and Margaret Simpson, widow, 5 guineas each. To said Margaret Simpson, £100 for use of her son Charles. To Mrs. Sarah Simpson, of Kenilworth, widow, and her son Stephen Simpson, 10 guineas each. To Mrs. Mary Simpson, widow, and Mrs. Jane Simpson, of Coventry, 10 guineas each. To Mrs. Phœbe Simpson, of Stow Hill, a ring. To cousin, Isaac Hawkins Browne, esq., 5 guineas. To friend, Mrs. Anna Maria Crowe, 5 guineas. To poor of St. Michael's, Lichfield, £5. To Female Society, in Yoxall par., co. Staff., 10 guineas. To poor men in St. John's Hospital, Lichfield, a guinea each. To Ann, wife of servant Samuel Sutton, £10. Resid. legatees. and exors., son Edward and dau. Anna Jane Simpson. To be bur. with late husband in vault in St. John's Chapel, Lichfield. Wits., Thos. Hinckley, Fras. Sharratt. Codicil dated 14 Sep. 1816. To son-in-law, Ernest de Pirch, 10 guineas. Wits., Jon^n^ Mullins, James Howis. Codicil dated 30 Oct. 1818. To dau. Charles Simpson, diamond ring, and another to dau. Edward Simpson. To grand-dau. Sophia Simpson, and dau. Pirch, china. I desire a small tablet may be placed in side aisle of Burton Church, near grave of mother. Wit., Mary Leedham. Codicil dated 3 Nov. 1818; wits., Thomas Shrigley, Wm. Weldhen. On 6 Feb. 1819 appeared personally Francis Sharratt, of Lichfield, conveyancer, and Stephen Simpson, of same, attorney at law, and swore to will and interlineations. On 10 Feb. 1819 Mary Leedham, spinster, swore to last codicil. Proved 25 Feb. 1819, in P.C.C. (Ellenboro' 95), by Edward Simpson and Anne Jane de Pirch, formerly Simpson, wife of Ernest de Pirch, the exors.

CHARLES SIMPSON, late of city of Lichfield, now of Surrey Street, Strand London, esq. Will dated 15 Aug. 1820. To be bur. in vault with parents. To wife Maria, £200 and house wherein I lived in Lichfield, with garden, etc., and land there called Minors Croft, a freehold field called Schoolhouse Lane Field, both adjoining the Birmingham Road; freehold land called Shawfield, near Bacon Street, and fields called Pool Furlong, and two houses adjoining, for life, with reversion, after her death, to son Charles John Simpson. To said wife, my plate, etc., what I may be entitled to by will of father-in-law, John Iddins, esq. To son Charles John, and daus. Maria and Jane Eliza Simpson, 20 shares in Wilts. and Berks. Canal, and 10 shares in Birmingham and Worcester Canal. To said son, all my estate at Footherley Woodend, in Shenstone, co. Staff., also Sandfield and lands in Muckhill, and a piece of land late Edward Simpson's in Sandfield, and other lands there and elsewhere in Lichfield. The picture of Miss Seward, by Romney, to dau. Maria after wife's death. To wife, son, and brother Edward, shares in Birmingham Canal. To brother Stephen £50, and brother Edward Simpson, £100. To sister Jane, 19 guineas. To brother-in-law and sister-in-law (*sic*), Mrs. Woolley, Mr. Haycock, Mr. S. Marinden, George

Iddins* and Jane Iddins, 19 guineas each. To first cousin, Mr. Simpson of Derby, Mr. Simpson of Kenilworth, and Mrs. Simpson of Coventry, widow of my first cousin, 19 guineas each. To aunt Cheney, 10 guineas. To nephews and nieces, 10 guineas each. To Edward Cheney Winslow and Miss Lloyd, 19 guineas each. To godson, Edward Simpson of Derby, 19 guineas. To god-dau. Elizabeth Simpson, dau. of brother Edward, £50. To godson Charles John Sale, and to Matthew Bell, son of friend John Bell, £10 each. To Mr. Harborne, of Milbourne, ten guineas. To mother-in-law, Mrs. Iddins, £20 a year. To first cousin, Jane Simpson, £20 a year. To cousin Mrs. Callow, £10 a year. Resid. legatees, wife and daus. Maria and Jane Eliza Simpson. Exors., brother Edward Simpson, wife, and son Charles John Simpson. Wits., Geo. Jackson, gent., H. Moore, gent., and H. Clerk, clerk, all of Surrey Street. Proved 24 Jan. 1821, in P.C.C. (Mansfield 44), by Edward Simpson and Maria Simpson, widow, power reserved to Charles John Simpson, the son.

STEPHEN SIMPSON, of Lichfield, gent. Will dated Oct. 1825. Books to children, Charles and Sophia Ann Simpson. To son Charles, all lands, etc., he to enter into bond to pay his sister the interest on £3000, the capital to go to her children after her death. To old clerk, Jesse Bee, and servant Elizabeth Barnes, £30 each. I was exor. to late father. Wits., Mary Budd, John Budd and John Stringer. Codicil of even date, that son Charles is to give bond entered into by him to Richard Greene, of Lichfield, banker. Proved 15 Dec. 1826 in P.C.C. (Swabey 658).

MARY SIMPSON, of Coventry, widow, who died intestate 20 Nov. 1831. Admon. granted 11 Aug. 1832, to Stephen Simpson, the son. Bond by Stephen Simpson, the son, of 7 Staples Inn, Holborn, London, Dr. of Medicine, Charles Wedge, of 5 Goldsmith Street, Cheapside, London, gent., and Thomas Wedge, of Broad Street, Birmingham, web manufacturer, in sum of £600.

EDWARD SIMPSON, of Lichfield, co. Staff., gent. Will dated 10 Sep. 1840. I desire to be bur. in St. John's Chapel, Lichfield, with permission of Master of the Hospital. To brothers-in-law, Isaac Anderton, of Moseley Wake Green, co. Worc., esq., and William Anderton, of Edgbaston, co. War., esq., £50 each, and they and wife Elizabeth to be exors. To wife, £100 and household goods; also lands in Maer and Charlton, and shares, with reversion after her death to four daus., Mary, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Felicia. Share in estate of late Wm. Anderton, esq., to four daus. The annuity to niece Sophia, now wife of Dr. Simpson, to be continued. Land in Rugeley, co. Staff., and other lands, and books, to son Edward Hicks. To assistant gardener, John Bailey, and other servants, £10 each and mourning. Resid. legatees, four daus. Wits., Walter

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* Perhaps George Francis, son of John Iddins, of Birmingham, esq., who matric. 12 July 1802, aged 19, from Trinity College, Oxf. (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*). In the *Birmingham Directory* of 1777, reprinted 1896, appears "Iddens, John, timber merchant, 32, Cherry-street."

Landor, solr., Rugeley, Jos^h^. Thos. Ordish, Arthur Langhurst, clerks to Messrs. Landor, solrs., Rugeley. Proved 4 Apl. 1843, in P.C.C. (1843, *f* 279), by the exors.

In St. John's Chapel is what Harwood calls "a neat monument" (*Lichfield*, p. 555), with this inscription underneath an urn :—

Omne capax movet Urna nomen.

On the tablet is inscribed a valuable record of the family, the latter portion added since Harwood's day :—

M.S. | *Steph. Simpson ob. Jan.* 1774 *æt.* 74 | *hujusce Urbis Arm. &* | *Janæ ej. Ux. ob. Dec.* 1767 *æt.* 65 | *Steph. Simpson M.D. ob. Oct.* 1784 *æt.* 60 | *Car. Simpson Arm. ob. Mar.* 1796 *æt.* 63 | *Fil. Steph. & Janæ.* | *Edward & Steph.* | *Fil. infan. Car. & Mar. Simpson.* | *Steph. Simpson, Fil. infan. Steph. & Sar. Soph. Simpson* | *Ob.* 29 *Dec.* 1799. | *Sar. Soph. Simpson, Ux. Steph. Simpson,* | *Ob.* 21 *June* 1801 *æt.* 33. | *Maria Caroli Simpson, Arm : Uxor,* | *Ob.* 14 *Nov.* 1818, *æt.* 80. | *Steph. Car. fil. Ob.* 3 *Oct.* 1825, *æt.* 55. | *Car. Simpson, Arm. et Juris consultus* | *Ob.* 14 *Dec.* 1820, *æt.* 55. | *Maria Simpson, Ux. ej. Ob.* 9 *Sep.* 1841, *æt.* 65.

There is also a mural tablet in St. John's Chapel with this inscription :—

To the memory of | Edward Simpson, Esq. | youngest son | of the late Charles Simpson Esq. | of this City : | He died February 9, 1843 | Aged 72. | "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." | Also of Elizabeth Simpson, his Wife, | who died April 15, 1851, Aged 74.

In the Cathedral, near the North door and rather high up, is "an elegant marble monument, ornamented with an urn and medallion," the inscription on which I reproduce from John Jackson's *Lichfield*, p. 116, where a translation is also given :—

M.S. Stephani Simpson, M.D. cujus exuviæ in cœmeterio infra sacellum Divi. Johannis Baptistæ in civitate vicinâ reconduntur. Fidei inconcussæ viro, medicæ artis eximiè callenti ; erga divites impavido, probo, adulari nescio : erga pauperes liberali, sedulo, misericordi ; erga omnes benigno ; cenotaphium hoc, pignus desiderii atque amoris, poni curavit conjux mæstissima. Natus Lichfieldiæ XXI die Januarii, A.D. MDCCXXIV. Obiit Wentworthiæ in agro Eboracensi, valdè defletus, XXIII die Octobris MDCCLXXXIV.

In the Cathedral, too, in St. Stephen's Chapel, is a monument with this inscription :—

Sacred | to the memory of | Charles Simpson Esq. late of Lichfield | Barrister at Law | whose remains are interred in | the Family Vault | within St. John's

Chapel in | the adjoining City. | He died in London, December 14th 1820 | Aged 55 years | leaving a Widow, a Son, and two Daughters | by whom this Tablet is erected | as a Testimony of Conjugal and | Filial Affection for the best of | Husbands, of Fathers and of Friends.

In the graveyard in the Close, opposite the Bishop's Palace, are these three inscriptions :—

Elizabeth | third daughter of | Edward Simpson Esq. | died 14th May 1882 | Aged 75.

Rebecca | second daughter of | Edward Simpson Esq. | died 26th Oct. 1885 | Aged 80 years.

Felicia | youngest daughter of | Edward Simpson Esq. | of this City | who died at Hastings | the 8th of January 1859 | Aged 49.

These three names and dates are on a tablet in St. John's Chapel, with the following addition :—

Mary, eldest Daughter of the same, | who died in the Close of this City, | 6th February 1861 | Aged 55 years.

In the churchyard of St. Michael's, Lichfield, is a grave inscribed :—

Catherine Burrowes, | wife of C. Simpson, | Died November 23rd 1879 | aged 75. | *Jucunda semper.* | Charles Simpson | Died | April 22nd 1890 | aged 90.

The most interesting member of the family, and the one of whom we have least definite information, was Joseph Simpson, born 1721, the eldest son of Stephen Simpson and Jane Adey. Boswell tells us, on Murphy's authority, that he was " a barrister at law, of good parts, but who fell into a dissipated course of life " (Birkbeck Hill's *Boswell*, III., 28). To him Johnson wrote that letter, ascribed by Boswell to 1759, but by Birkbeck Hill to 1765 or -6, containing the often quoted aphorism :—

Small debts are like small shot ; they are rattling on every side, and can scarcely be escaped without a wound : great debts are like cannon ; of loud noise, but little danger (*ibid.*, I., 347).

The letter tells us something of Joseph Simpson's story :—

Your father's inexorability not only grieves but amazes me : he is your father ; he was always accounted a wise man ; nor do I remember any thing to the disadvantage of his good-nature ; but in his refusal to assist you there

is neither good-nature, fatherhood, nor wisdom. . . . If you married imprudently, you miscarried at your own hazard, at an age when you had a right of choice. . . . If your imprudence has ended in difficulties and inconveniences, you are yourself to support them; and, with the help of a little better health, you would support them and conquer them. . . . Neither the great nor little debts disgrace you. I am sure you have my esteem for the courage with which you contracted them, and the spirit with which you endure them. . . . I am sorry, dear Sir, that where you have parents, a man of your merits should not have an home.

Joseph Simpson was of the Inner Temple, and the following record of his admission has been supplied to me by the sub-treasurer :—

Josephus Simpson generosus filius et heres apparens Stephani Simpson de civitate et comitate de Litchfield generosi generaliter admissus est in societatem istius comitatis in consideracione trium librarum sex solidorum et octo denariorum premanibus solutorum tricesimo die Januarii MDccxliii 1743.

There is no record to show that Joseph Simpson was called to the bar by the Society, but Murphy said that he practised. Boswell records, too, that he was "authour of a tract entitled *Reflections on the Study of the Law.*" A copy of this work is in the British Museum, and the title page runs as follows :—

Reflections on the Natural and Acquired | Endowments requisite for the Study of the Law, | and the Means to be used in the Pursuit of it. | by Joseph Simpson, Esq.; | Barrister at Law. | *Omnes artes quae ad humanitatem pertinent, habent* | *quoddam commune vinculum, & quasi cognatione* | *quâdam inter se continentur.* | *Cicero pro Archiâ Poetâ.* | The Third Edition | London, | Printed for J. Worrall, in Bell-yard; T. Waller, in Fleet | street; and B. Tovey, in Westminster Hall. | MDCCLXIV.

The dedication, dated from "Lincoln's Inn, June 1, 1764," is thus worded :—"To the Right Hon. Robert Earl of Northington, Lord High Chancellor of G^{t} Britain, This Treatise is humbly dedicated by His Lordship's most obliged and obedient servant, Joseph Simpson."

According to Mrs. Piozzi, "Joe Simson, as Dr. Johnson called him," was the hero of the tale she tells in her *Anecdotes* of a man for whom Johnson often begged, who lived in a wretched lodging house, with a woman, and a footman, and one day borrowed a chairman's watch, pawned it for half a crown, and paid a clergyman to marry him

to a fellow-lodger—not his paramour—afterwards getting so drunk that he fell downstairs and broke his arm, one leg having been already out of commission for many years (Birkbeck Hill's *Johnsonian Miscellanies*, I., 228 ; Hayward's *Piozzi*, II., 84). If the story really did relate to Joseph Simpson, we may now discount a good deal of it, for we have seen that he married the daughter of a prosperous silk merchant of Coventry, who would not have been living in a wretched lodging-house in London. The marriage was evidently only "imprudent" in the sense that he was not in a position to maintain a wife ; he had not committed the more serious offence of marrying "beneath him." Johnson, in the letter quoted, refers to Joseph suffering "that want which accident and sickness produces," rather supporting Mrs. Piozzi's tale of a broken limb, unless the implication of "accident" was more general.

Murphy's account to Boswell was that Joseph Simpson's dissipated habits were "incompatible with that success in his profession which he once had, and would otherwise have deservedly maintained ; yet he still preserved a dignity in his deportment." It is difficult to imagine Johnson's letter as written to such a person as Mrs. Piozzi and Murphy suggest to us ; but we can all allow a more liberal margin of frailty to other people's relatives, especially when we have a heart as big as Johnson's. Whatever the truth as to the date of the letter, it was written to a man long tried in the fire of matrimony, as Joseph Simpson must have married at least as early as 1754.

In a letter of Johnson's to John Levett of Lichfield, dated 7 March 1752, in reference to interest due on the mortgage (*ante*, p. 10), he remarks (*Letters of Samuel Johnson*, ed. Birkbeck Hill, I., 29) :—

> Would you be pleased to terminate the affair with Mr. J. Sympson ? I have not mentioned it to him, because I neither would employ any one you may not desire to be employed, nor oblige you to confess any dislike. I know not indeed that anybody needs to be employed, for I do not doubt your candour.

This must refer to Joseph Simpson, and suggests professional employment. Except that he died young, leaving a will witnessed by Goldsmith, Garrick and Johnson, that was not proved because his estate was of no value (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 212), we know nothing more about him. Garrick is said

to have given his old schoolfellow £100 when in difficulties (Fitzgerald's *Garrick*, p. 446); but no date is assigned to the act.* It will have been noticed that when Edward Gravenor made his will of 7 July 1758, Joseph Simpson was of Old Southampton Buildings: his dedication of 1764 is from Lincoln's Inn. It is probably true that his will was not proved, for it cannot be found in P.C.C. or at Lichfield.

Boswell tells us that Joseph Simpson wrote a tragedy entitled *The Patriot*, based on the story of Leonidas, which he re-drafted after the damaging criticism of a company of fellow lawyers; and that one version remained in Johnson's possession, which, after his death, was "published by some person who had been about him, and, for the sake of a little hasty profit, was fallaciously advertised, so as to make it be believed to have been written by Johnson himself" (Birkbeck Hill's *Boswell*, III., 28). This is borne out by the title-page:—

The Patriot, a Tragedy | From a Manuscript of the Late | Dr. Samuel Johnson, | corrected by Himself. | London: | Printed for G. Goulding, N° 25 James-Street, Covent Garden; | W. Brown, Corner of Essex-Street, Strand; & J. | Scatcherd & J. Whitaker, Ave-Mary Lane. | M.DCC. LXXXV. | Entered at Stationers Hall.

A note in the British Museum calendar says, "Really written by Joseph Simpson." It will be noticed that the title-page skilfully avoids actual untruth, though the intention is obvious. The fly-leaf has "Price One Shilling and Sixpence."

The date and place of Joseph Simpson's death and burial await discovery. But we know that he was dead on 12 July 1773, when the "inexorable" Stephen Simpson made a will containing some provision for the children of his late son Joseph. This will informs us

* I find that Fitzgerald gives fuller particulars of the incident on pp. 5-6. "One of his schoolfellows here was son to a wealthy gentleman named Simpson, near Lichfield. He afterwards grew up—turned out a scapegrace and *mauvais sujet*—married against his father's consent, lived a dissipated life, and, as of course, fell into difficulties. [To Garrick] he wrote a piteous letter, asking his influence for reconciliation with the father, and also for a gift of a hundred pounds—for what the spendthrift calls a loan, is in truth always a gift. [Garrick] at once sent off the money, wrote down to Lichfield a charming appeal to the offended father, but received back a gruff, surly answer. The actor, not to be rebuffed, wrote again with admirable temper, and actually had the satisfaction of softening the angry father, and reconciling him to the son, and his own old schoolfellow." I presume that Fitzgerald wrote with the original letters before him.

that Joseph's elder son, Stephen, had been apprenticed by his grandfather to "a silk and stuff merchant," no doubt at Coventry, where the boy's Gravenor relatives were in the same line of business. Three years later we find his marriage at St. Werburgh's, Derby (Phillimore's *Derbyshire Marriage Registers*, vol. X., p. 81) :—

1776. June 27. Stephen Simpson, of city of Coventry, silkman, aged 22 years and upwards, and Sarah Leaper, of the age of about 20 years, with the consent of her father, *lic.*

His bride's father, William Leaper, who died in May 1780, was an alderman of Derby and Mayor in 1776 ; her brother, John Leaper Newton [1754–1819], J.P., D.L., High Sheriff of Derbyshire in 1798, inherited in 1789 the Mickleover estate from his kinsman Robert Newton, and took his name (Glover's *Derbyshire*, II., 592 ; Burke's *Landed Gentry*, under "Newton of Mickleover" ; Hunter's *Familiæ Minorum Gentium*, Harleian Society, vol. 37, p. 315).

The following abstract of a deed in Mr. Homer's collection is an interesting family record :—

Indenture dated 23 Dec. 1784, between Stephen Simpson, of the city of Coventry, merchant, and Thomas Gravenor Simpson, of same, merchant, brother of said Stephen, and which said Stephen and Thomas Gravenor are sons of Joseph Simpson, late of the Inner Temple, London, esq., decd., of the one part, and Charles Simpson, of city of Lichfield, of the other part, Reciting indenture of lease dated 16 Nov. 1781, whereby Rev. Daniel Wm. Remington, Sub-chanter of Cath. Ch. of Lichfield, and whole company of Vicars Choral of Cath. Ch., leased unto Stephen Simpson, of Wentworth, co. York., M.D., since decd., and said Charles Simpson party hereto, a croft lying near Bacon Street in city of Lichfield, extending from Bacon Street to a field called Gayfield, then in tenure of Richard Baylye, gent., and two closes lying together, one whereof adjoined to Gayfield, called Johnson's Croft, which said closes were then in tenure of Mrs. Levett, widow, and Wm. Wright, gent., and also a little Muckhill place or Garden place in Cock Lane in said city, in tenure of Thomas Butler, and a croft in Gayfield called Bird Croft, in tenure of said widow Levett, and 17½ acres of arable land in the common fields of Lichfield, And further reciting an indenture of assignment dated 9 Nov. last past between said Charles Simpson, party hereto, therein mentioned to be son and surviving exor. and devisee in trust named in last will of Stephen Simpson, gent., his late father, of the one part, and said Stephen Simpson and Thomas Gravenor Simpson, parties hereto, and the said (*sic*) Stephen Simpson and Edward Simpson, sons of said Charles Simpson, party hereto, of the other part, Therein reciting that said testator Stephen Simpson, father of said Stephen Simpson of Wentworth,

decd., and Charles Simpson, party hereto, duly made his last will dated 12 July 1773, whereby he devised above lease to his son, said Stephen Simpson of Wentworth, decd., and Charles Simpson, subject to reserved rents and covenant in trust during term of 10 years next after testator's decease, to receive rents and profits and apply same in manner therein directed, and after expiration of 10 years in trust that testator's sons, the said Stephen and Charles, should assign the lease for 21 years to testator's grandsons, said Stephen and Thomas Simpson, parties hereto, and to testator's grandsons Stephen Simpson and Edward Simpson, sons of said Charles Simpson, party hereto, if they should be then living, and further reciting that testator died 5 Jan. 1774, etc.

I have not the dates of death, or the wills, of any of the three children of Joseph Simpson and Elizabeth Gravenor. Some of the references to this family in the wills of their Lichfield cousins are a little vague for identification. Margaret Simpson, widow, with a son Charles, who is mentioned as "niece" in will of Charles Simpson's widow Mary, in 1811, does not fit in anywhere, so perhaps she was a niece on the Cheney side. Mrs. Sarah Simpson, of Kenilworth, widow, with a son Stephen, mentioned in same will, I presume was Sarah (Leaper) who married Stephen Simpson in 1776. Mrs. Mary Simpson, widow, and "Mrs." Jane Simpson, of Coventry, were Thomas Gravenor's widow and sister. But I am puzzled with "Mr. Simpson of Derby," mentioned as first cousin in will of Charles Simpson in 1820: if he was Stephen Simpson who married Sarah Leaper of Derby, my identification of Mrs. Sarah Simpson of Kenilworth is wrong. Charles also mentions "Mr. Simpson of Kenilworth"; and his godson, Edward Simpson of Derby, whose identity is a puzzle.

Of William Simpson, eldest son of Stephen Simpson and Sarah Leaper, I have little information, but under the will of his great-grandfather Stephen Simpson [1700 ?–74], of Lichfield, he came into the Fradley Hall estate at Alrewas, near Lichfield, through lack of issue to the latter's second son, Stephen Simpson [1724–84], M.D. He did not live there, however, but in Surrey, where he married a woman of property. In this William's second son, Richard Simpson [1820–76], the family ability was strongly revived. After taking his degree at Oxford, he was in 1844 presented to the family living of Mitcham, but resigned next year on conversion to the Roman Catholic faith. A Shakespearean scholar of some note, an originator with Lord Acton of *The Home and Foreign Review*, and its editor, as well as a well-known

writer on the topics of his faith, Richard Simpson has his niche in the *Dict. Nat. Biog.*, but nowhere is it suggested that the man who stood at Gladstone's elbow to supply the unusual learning of the celebrated pamphlet on "Vaticanism" was the great-grandson of the "dissolute barrister" familiar to readers of Boswell. A glance at the pedigree of this branch of the family will show that Richard's brothers and sister followed him in his change of faith, and an alliance with the ancient Mostyns of Talacre marks the fact unmistakably to all familiar with Catholic genealogy.

To hark back to Stephen Simpson [1700 ?–74], the common ancestor, Joseph Hill and Robert K. Dent, in their *Memorials of the Old Square*, 1897, p. 65, mention a letter written by him in May 1733 to William Priest, the Birmingham attorney, on a professional topic. Dr. C. R. Nicholson possesses a portrait of this Stephen Simpson, as well as one of his son Stephen [1724–84], by David Martin [1737–98], a Scottish artist of some note. He also possesses fine portraits, by Wright of Derby, of Charles Simpson [1732–96], and Mary Cheney [1738 ?–1818] his wife, who, be it noted, was niece to Johnson's schoolfellow, Isaac Hawkins Browne the poet (see *ante*, III., 123). Charles Simpson's portrait shows a man of refinement, with well chiselled features: his wife cannot boast of beauty or charm. An older portrait of Dr. Nicholson's is of Isaac Hawkins, "counsellor," grandfather of Isaac Hawkins Browne and great-grandfather of Mary Cheney.

It is recorded that Stephen Simpson [1700 ?–74] was known as "Old Smiler," and his son Charles as "Young Smiler." Among the Dartmouth papers is a letter dated 9 Sep. 1775, from Charles Simpson, Town Clerk of Lichfield, to Lord Dartmouth, stating that the Corporation disapproved of Joel's letter of association, and would do all possible to suppress the rebellion. On 13 Sep. Lord Dartmouth sends thanks for the letter, which he is laying before the King. On 23 Oct. Charles Simpson writes again, offering loyal services and enclosing an address to the King (*Hist. MSS. Commission*, 14th Report, App. X., pp. 376–7, 380, 393). On 17 Dec. 1779 he requested Lord Dartmouth's interposition with the Secretary at War to reduce the number of troops in Lichfield, as they were crowding-out the public houses where they

were quartered (*ibid.*, 15th Report, App. I., p. 249). In Mr. R. B. Adam's great Johnsonian collection, at Buffalo, is a letter of Charles Simpson's to a client, dated Lichfield 7 June 1776, but the addressee's name is missing, the writing is difficult to decipher, and it refers only to some title deeds.

Anna Seward was on terms of intimacy with several of the Simpsons, particularly with Charles Simpson [1765–1820], a barrister and a graduate of Trinity, Cambridge, eldest son of Charles Simpson and Mary Cheney. In a letter of 17 Dec. 1796 she speaks, too, of an evening at Mr. S. Simpson's, when Wilhelm Cramer played the violin; and of a visit to Mr. E. Simpson's at Birmingham, where she suffered from a bad cold (*Letters*, IV., 288–9). Writing to Charles Simpson, on 30 Aug. 1800, she opens:—"I congratulate you, my long valued friend, on your marriage, and also your amiable bride" (*ibid.*, V., 312). On 27 Sep. 1800 she speaks again of a two days stay "at Birmingham, beneath the hospitable roof of Mr. Edward Simpson"—days "distinguished by the society of our illustrious friend Dr. Parr" (*ibid.*, V., 330–1). A long letter to Charles Simpson, of 19 Sep. 1804 (*ibid.*, VI., 191–201), is not of interest for our purpose. But on 10 May 1807 she writes of Sir Walter Scott's visit to Lichfield (*ibid.*, VI., 339):—

> Mr. Simpson would have no nay to his request, that the party should dine and sup with him and Mrs. Simpson. The stranger guest, Scott, delighted us all by the unaffected charms of his mind and manners.

This I take to refer to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simpson. On 27 July 1804 she tells Dr. Whalley of her temporary homelessness:—"My kind friends, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, of Lichfield, opened to us their hospitable doors on our return," for a fortnight (*Whalley's Journals*, II., 253). Sir Walter tells us that

> The arrangement of Miss Seward's fortune was left under the charge of her residuary legatee, Thomas White, Esq., residing in the Close of Lichfield, and Charles Simpson, Esq., of the same city; the former connected with her by relationship, and both still more by kindness and intimacy (*Seward's Works*, I., xxxiii).

To Charles Simpson she left the striking portrait that Romney had painted of her:—

> My own picture, by the late Mr. Romney, I bequeath to my friend and

executor, Charles Simpson, provided he be living (E. V. Lucas's *A Swan and her Friends*, 1907, p. 324).

To his wife, Mrs. Simpson, she left two guineas for a mourning ring (*ibid.*, p. 323). It is interesting, in Charles Simpson's will of 1820, to see that he left "the picture of Miss Seward, by Romney," to his daughter Maria, after his wife's death. His wife died in 1841, and Maria, unmarried, in 1847. I do not know the portrait's history after it came into their hands.

General Dyott made the following entry in his diary, under 3 Oct. 1825 :—

> Early on this morning the citizens of Lichfield suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. Stephen Simpson, the Town Clerk, a truly honest man. The independent cause has sustained an irreparable loss in one of its firmest and most effective friends. I attended his last remains to St. John's Chapel, where he was buried on the 11th (*Dyott's Diary*, 1907, I., 370-1).

Edward Simpson is mentioned by the General in connexion with political matters, under dates May 1835 and June 1838 (*ibid.*, II., 200, 275).

The real history of the family is to be found in the following two pedigrees, on which the foregoing notes are only a running commentary :—

PEDIGREE A. THE ELDER LINE.

STEPHEN SIMPSON, of Chebsey in 1687, of Chatcull, par. of Eccleshall, in 1695 ; of Chatcull, yeo., 24 June 1715 ; and of Sheriff Hales Manor, gent., 2 May 1724 ; mar. 1st, 1690, Jane White, and had issue one dau.

> Mary Simpson ; mar. before 24 June 1715 to John Greene, of Whiston, par. of Penkridge, co. Staff., gent., and had issue a son John Greene, living 24 June 1715. Stephen Green and Thomas Green, mentioned in will of Stephen Simpson, 12 July 1773, would derive from this marriage.

Stephen Simpson mar. 2nd, 1695, Catherine Foden, and had issue,

STEPHEN SIMPSON, of Lichfield, attorney ; son and heir of his father, 2 May 1724 ; died 5 Jan. 1774, aged 74 ; bur. St. John's Chapel, Lichfield. Will dated 12 July 1773, proved 12 Feb. 1774 in P.C.C. Mar. 1719, Jane, dau. of Joseph Adey, of Lichfield, attorney (*ante*, p. 144), and sister of Joseph Adey, Town Clerk of Lichfield : she bap. 28 Dec. 1702 at St. Mary's, Lichfield, and died Dec. 1767, aged 65, bur. St. John's Chapel, having had issue,

I. JOSEPH SIMPSON, bap. 8 Mch. 1720/1 at St. Mary's, Lichfield, of whom presently.

II. Stephen Simpson, M.D., of Wentworth, par. of Wath, Yorks.; born 21 Jan. 1723/4; bap. 29 Jan. 1723/4 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; died 23 Oct. 1784, at Wentworth; bur. St. John's Chapel, Lichfield. Will dated 17 Nov. 1783, proved 21 Feb. 1785 in P.C.C. Mar. 26 Apl. 1750, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, Phœbe, dau. of —— Rider, of Lichfield: she died 2 Jan. 1816, aged 88, at Stowe Hill House, Lichfield (*Gent.'s Mag.*, 1816, p. 92).

III. CHARLES SIMPSON, bap. 4 Oct. 1732 at St. Mary's, Lichfield. Ancestor of the younger line; see Pedigree B, *post*, p. 167.

I. Catherine Simpson; bap. 14 Jan. 1719/20 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; mar. 21 Apl. 1748, at Gnosall, to Rev. Robert Reynolds (*Staffs. Par. Reg. Soc.*, "Gnosall Register," p. 195), who matric. 14 Feb. 1740/1, aged 18, from Pembroke Coll., Oxf., as son of Robert Reynolds, of Cowley, co. Staff., pleb.*; B.A. 1744; M.A. 1748 (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*); became Rector of Middle, Salop, and was dead 12 July 1773. By Catherine he had issue, Jane Reynolds (living unmar. 12 July 1773 and 13 Oct. 1776), Mary Reynolds (living unmar. 12 July 1773 and 27 Oct. 1794), and Charles Reynolds (living 12 July 1773 and 13 Oct. 1776).

JOSEPH SIMPSON, bap. 8 Mch. 1720/1 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; ed. Lichfield Grammar School; admitted to Inner Temple, 30 Jan. 1743/4; barr.-at-law; of Old Southampton Buildings, 7 July 1758; of Lincoln's Inn, 1 June 1764; mar. *circa* 1754, or earlier, Elizabeth, dau. of Edward Gravenor, of Whitley, nr. Coventry, silk merchant.† Joseph Simpson, friend of Dr. Johnson, and author of

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* Robert Reynolds, of Gnoshall, co. Staff., gent. Will dated 13 Oct. 1776. To wife Margaret, household goods and furniture, linens, brass, pewter, plate, ready money, etc., and land in Gnoshall, called New piece or Lowfield, containing 3 acres. Rest of estate not disposed of, to wife Margaret for life, and then (chargeable with legacies and annuities hereinafter mentioned) to 4 grandchildren, Catherine Taylor, Phœbe Taylor, Stephen Taylor and Mary Taylor, children of dau. Margaret, wife of Richard Taylor. To grandson Charles Reynolds, son of Robert Reynolds, late Rector of Middle, Salop, clerk, decd., £10 a year for life. To dau.-in-law Margaret Reynolds, widow, £20. To grandchildren Jane Reynolds, Mary Reynolds, John Reynolds, Charles Reynolds, Thomas Reynolds and Dorothy Reynolds, £50 each. Exor., son-in-law Richard Taylor, of Gnoshall, officer of excise, and Thomas Reynolds, of Pillington, co. Staff. Wits., John Lander, Fredk. Lander, Fra. Brookes. Proved 19 Nov. 1776, at Lichfield, by Richard Taylor, Thomas Reynolds having renounced.

† Mrs. Joseph Simpson's brother, William Gravenor, of Bristol, merchant, married Elizabeth, eldest dau. of Lancelot St. Albyn, of Nether Stowey, co. Som., by Joan his wife, dau. and heir of William Collard, of Dodington, co. Som., and had an elder son, St. Albyn Gravenor, who mar. Mary, only surviving dau. of Joseph Langley, of Great Farringdon, co. Berks., and had an only son, Langley, who on coming of age, on 13 Aug. 1806, inherited the Alfoxton estate of his great-uncle, the Rev. Lancelot St. Albyn, and adopted his name in place of Gravenor. Langley St. Albyn was High Sheriff of Som. 1850 (Burke's *Landed Gentry*, 1853; Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*).

a legal work and a play, was dead when his father made his will on 12 July 1773. He himself is said to have made a will, witnessed by Johnson, Goldsmith and Garrick, but never proved. He had issue,

I. STEPHEN SIMPSON, of whom presently.

II. Thomas Gravenor Simpson, of Coventry, merchant; under 24, 12 July 1773; living 27 Oct. 1794; mar. Mary ——, who died a widow, intestate, 20 Nov. 1831, at Coventry (admon. 11 Aug. 1832 at Lichfield), having had issue,

1. Stephen Simpson, M.D.; of 7 Staples Inn, Holborn, London, 11 Aug. 1832; mar. Sophia Ann (his second cousin), only dau. of Stephen Simpson, Town Clerk of Lichfield, by Sarah Sophia his wife, dau. of Samuel Startin (see *post*, p.169); she died 1840, in childbed, at Sydney, N.S.W., of an only child, who died in infancy. Stephen Simpson died in 1869 in London. According to his brother-in-law, Charles Simpson [1800–90], Town Clerk of Lichfield, he was in the 14th Dragoons before he took up medicine, and wrote a book on homeopathy, afterwards being the first English settler at Moreton Bay, and a Commissioner of Crown Lands at Brisbane.

1. Mary Simpson; died about 1870; mar. 1st, —— Martin, and had by him three daus., who mar. respectively Mr. Chapman (leaving two sons), General Ommaney, and General Welchman; mar. 2nd, Arthur Champion Barwell, B.C.S., who predeceased wife, leaving by her one dau., Sophia Mathilda Barwell (died 12 Nov. 1919), who mar. James Maxey Buchanan, Capt. 70th Regt., and had issue, for whom see Burke's *Landed Gentry*, under "Buchanan of Hales Hall," Market Drayton.

I. Jane Simpson, under 24, 12 July 1773; of Coventry; living 15 Aug. 1820; died unmar.

STEPHEN SIMPSON, of Coventry, silk merchant; born about 1754; eldest son of Joseph Simpson preceding, and Elizabeth Gravenor his wife; mar. 27 June 1776, at St. Werburgh's, Derby, to Sarah, dau. of William Leaper, of Derby, alderman and Mayor, and sister to John Leaper Newton, J.P., D.L., of Mickleover, and by her (born about 1756) had issue,

I. WILLIAM SIMPSON, of whom presently.

II. Robert Simpson; died without issue.

III. Stephen Simpson; died without issue.

I. Margaret Simpson, mar. —— Lillington.

WILLIAM SIMPSON, eldest son of Stephen Simpson preceding and Sarah Leaper his wife; of Fradley Hall, Alrewas, nr. Lichfield, and of The Canons, Mitcham, Surrey; mar. Emily, dau. of Richard Cranmer, from whom he inherited the lordship of the Manor of Mitcham, and had issue,

I. WILLIAM SIMPSON, of whom presently.

II. Richard Simpson; born 16 Sep. 1820 at Wallington, Surrey; B.A. Oriel Coll., Oxf., 1843; presented to family living of Mitcham 1844, but resigned 1845 and became Rom. Cath. A Shakespearean scholar of note, and writer on Rom. Cath. topics (see *Dict. Nat. Biog.*, and Boase's *Modern Eng. Biog.*); died 5 Apl. 1876 at Villa Sciarra, outside gates of Rome, the residence of his friend, Count de Heritz; bur. Rome; mar. early, Mary, dau. of his uncle Richard Cranmer; she died 21 Aug. 1890, aged 68, at Torquay, without issue.

III. Robert Simpson; born at Beddington, Surrey; matric. 27 June 1842, aged 18, from St. John's Coll., Oxf.; Vicar of Mitcham, but resigned to join Church of Rome; student at Oscott Coll., where ordained Priest 1851; on Mission at Cheadle, 1852–6; afterwards at Deal and Canterbury; at Woodlane, nr. Burton, 1861; on Mission at Clapham, at Mitcham, at St. George's, Southwark, 1864–70 and 1871–8; removed to Dartmouth, 1878, where he died 24 Mch. 1887; bur. Dartmouth Cemetery (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses;* Rupert Simms's *Bibliotheca Staffordiensis*).

I. Emily Simpson, a Franciscan Nun at Taunton.

WILLIAM SIMPSON, eldest son of William Simpson preceding and Emily Cranmer; born 1819; of Trin. Coll., Camb.; Lord of the Manor of Mitcham; sold Fradley Hall; died June 1888; bur. Dartmouth; mar. 10 July 1851 to Winifred (born 1831), sixth dau. of Sir Edward Mostyn, 7th bart., of Talacre, co. Flint, by Constantia his second wife, dau. of Henry Slaughter. She died 3 Apl. 1898, and was bur. at Mortlake, having had issue by William Simpson, who, like his brothers, joined Church of Rome,

I. James Simpson; died without issue.

II. WILLIAM FRANCIS JOSEPH SIMPSON, of whom presently.

III. Francis Simpson, of U.S.A.; mar. but has no children.

IV. Richard Simpson, of U.S.A.; mar. and has 8 children.

I. Mary Simpson; died without issue.

II. Margaret Simpson, mar. Henry Paterson, Col. Indian Army, and has 7 sons and 7 daus.

III. Elizabeth Simpson; died unmar.

IV. Ursula Simpson, a Dominican Nun.

V. Louisa Simpson; unmar.

WILLIAM FRANCIS JOSEPH SIMPSON, Lord of Manor of Mitcham; eldest surviving son of William Simpson preceding and Winifred Mostyn his wife; born 21 Sep. 1863; mar. Mary (born 1 Mch. 1863), dau. of George Herbert

[1817–1906], of 92 Holland Road, Kensington, and of Inner Temple, barr.-at-law, and has had issue,

I. William Herbert Mostyn Simpson; born 21 June 1893; killed in action, in Belgium, Dec. 1914.

II. Philip Witham Simpson, born 16 Feb. 1895.

I. Lucy Mary Simpson, born 9 Dec. 1891.

II. Mary Winifrede Simpson, born 2 Feb. 1899.

PEDIGREE B. THE YOUNGER LINE

CHARLES SIMPSON, of Lichfield, attorney, 3rd son of Stephen Simpson, by Jane his wife, dau. of Joseph Adey (see *ante*, p. 164); succeeded his uncle, Joseph Adey (*ante*, p. 145), as Coroner and Town Clerk of Lichfield, on 10 Apl. 1764, and was himself succeeded by his son Stephen on 23 Apl. 1792 (Harwood's *Lichfield*, p. 439); Junior Bailiff of Lichfield, 1792 (*ibid.*, p. 436); bap. 4 Oct. 1732 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; died Mch. 1796, aged 63; bur. in St. John's Chapel, Lichfield. Will dated 27 Oct. 1794, proved 18 Mch. 1796 in P.C.C. Mar. Mary, second dau. of Edward Cheney, of Monyash, co. Derby, by Anne his wife, dau. of Rev. William Browne, M.A., Vicar of Burton-on-Trent, and sister of Isaac Hawkins Browne, M.P. (*Reliquary*, XI., 116; XXIV., 72); mar. settlements dated 12 Mch. and 16 Apl. 1763*; died 14 Nov. 1818, aged 80; bur. in St. John's Chapel, Lichfield. By her, whose will, dated 5 Sep. 1811, with codicils of 14 Sep. 1816, 30 Oct. 1818 and 3 Nov. 1818, was proved 25 Feb. 1819 in P.C.C., Charles Simpson had issue,

I. Charles Simpson, bap. 12 May 1765 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; admitted to Westminster School, 16 Jan. 1775, and became a King's Scholar 1779, then aged 14; elected thence to Trin. Coll. Camb. 1783, where admitted pensioner 18 June 1783; B.A. 1787; M.A. 1790; barr.-at-law; of Lichfield, and latterly of Surrey Street, Strand, London, where he died 14 Dec. 1820, aged 55; bur. in St. John's Chapel, Lichfield. Will dated 15 Aug. 1820, proved 24 Jan. 1821 in P.C.C. Mar. 1800 Maria, dau. of John Iddins, of Birmingham; she died 9 Sep. 1841, aged 65, and was bur. in St. John's Chapel, Lichfield, having had issue,

1. Charles John Simpson, born 8 June 1806; admitted to Westminster School 18 Sep. 1816, left Xmas 1822; admitted pensioner Trin. Coll. Camb. 7 July 1823; B.A. 1828; M.A. 1831; called to bar at Middle Temple 25 Nov. 1831; died 1856 unmar.

1. Maria Simpson; bap. 12 Aug. 1803 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; died 1847 unmar.

2. Jane Eliza Simpson; died 1849 unmar.

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* These two deeds, with three others relating to the Cheney family, are in Mr. Homer's collection. Edward Cheney was of Yoxall when his dau. mar. Charles Simpson. Marshall Rider, of Barton under Needwood, esq., was a trustee under the settlement.

II. Edward Simpson; bap. 15 Oct. 1766 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; died in infancy; bur. in St. John's Chapel, Lichfield.

III. Stephen Simpson, bap. 8 Oct. 1767 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; bur. 10 Dec. 1767 at St. Michael's, Lichfield.

IV. STEPHEN SIMPSON, bap. 18 Feb. 1769 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; of whom presently.

V. Edward Simpson, of Birmingham, and afterwards of Lichfield, attorney; bap. 16 May 1770 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; died 9 Feb. 1843, aged 72; bur. in St. John's Chapel, Lichfield. Will dated 10 Sep. 1840, proved 4 Apl. 1843 in P.C.C. Mar. 22 Mch. 1804, Elizabeth (born 17 Feb. 1777), dau. of William Anderton, of Moseley, co. Worc., by Rebecca his wife, dau. of Gregory Hicks; she died 15 Apl. 1851, aged 74, and was bur. in St. John's Chapel, having had issue,

1. Edward Simpson, afterwards Hicks, born 10 Aug. 1814; ed. Charterhouse; matric. 24 May 1832, aged 17, from Corpus Christi Coll., Oxf., as only son of Edward Simpson, of St. Philip's, Birmingham; B.A. 1836; student of Inner Temple 14 Nov. 1833 (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*); assumed name and arms of Hicks by Royal licence, 1835, on succeeding kinsman, Rev. James Hicks, in Wilbraham Temple estate, co. Camb.; J.P., D.L., Camb., High Sheriff 1861; M.P. Cambridge 1879-85; died 13 Jan. 1889; bur. Great Wilbraham. Mar. 10 Oct. 1838, at Tamworth, Staffs., Grace (born 8 May 1818), eldest dau. of Stanley Pipe Wolferstan, J.P., D.L., of Statfold and Pipe Halls, Staffs., by Elizabeth his wife, dau. of Swynfen Jervis. She died 19 Aug. 1903 at Leamington, and was bur. at Great Wilbraham, leaving issue, for whom see Burke's *Landed Gentry*, under "Hicks of Wilbraham Temple."

1. Mary Simpson, born 5 Mch. 1805; died 6 Feb. 1861, unmar., in Lichfield Close; bur. at Lichfield Cathedral.

2. Rebecca Simpson (twin with preceding), born 5 Mch. 1805; died 26 Oct. 1885, unmar., in Lichfield Close; bur. at Lichfield Cathedral.

3. Elizabeth Simpson, born 29 Dec. 1806; died 14 May 1882, unmar., in Lichfield Close; bur. at Lichfield Cathedral.

4. Felicia Simpson, born 25 Feb. 1809; died 8 Jan. 1859, unmar., at Hastings; bur. at Lichfield Cathedral.

I. Mary Simpson, bap. 11 Apl. 1772 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; mar. 1st Robert Clapham, and 2nd, T. B. Leonard, of Parliament Street, London; she died 17 June 1820 (*Gent.'s Mag.*, 1820, pt. 1, p. 638), without issue.

II. Anna Jane Simpson, bap. 30 Dec. 1776 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; mar. 1812 Ernest de Pirche, or Pirché; she died 1854, without issue, and he (described by Charles Simpson, his nephew, as Baron de Pirche), in 1861.

STEPHEN SIMPSON, 4th son of Charles Simpson preceding and Mary Cheney his wife ; bap. 18 Feb. 1769 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; an attorney in Lichfield ; succeeded his father, 23 Apl. 1792, as Coroner and Town Clerk ; held office until his death on 3 Oct. 1825 ; bur. in St. John's Chapel, Lichfield. Will dated Oct. 1825, proved 15 Dec. 1826 in P.C.C. Mar. Sarah Sophia, eldest dau. of Samuel Startin, of Birmingham, foreign merchant, and Sarah Jones his wife ; died 21 June 1801, aged 33 ; bur. in St. John's Chapel, Lichfield. They had issue,

I. Stephen Simpson, bap. 13 Apl. 1799 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; died 29 Dec. 1799 ; bur. in St. John's Chapel, Lichfield.

II. CHARLES SIMPSON, born 9 Apl. 1800 ; of whom presently.

I. Sophia Ann Simpson, bap. 29 June 1801 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; mar. her second cousin Stephen Simpson (*ante*, p. 165), and died 1840, in childbed, at Sydney, N.S.W.

CHARLES SIMPSON, younger son of Stephen Simpson preceding ; born 9 Apl. 1800 ; bap. 26 July 1800 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; entered Rugby School in 1810 (*Rugby Register*, I., 104), but must have left almost immediately, as he entered Shrewsbury School the same year and finished his education there. Admitted a solicitor in 1822, and practised in Lichfield from 1823 ; Clerk of the Peace from 1825 to death. Succeeded his father as Town Clerk and Clerk to Justices on 15 Oct. 1825, but was removed from office in 1844 by Town Council ; obtained order from Treasury for grant of pension ; Town Clerk again 1849-87 ; Coroner of Lichfield 1825-87 ; solicitor for plaintiff in great will case of Swynfen *v.* Swynfen, July 1858, but refused to bring action which plaintiff commenced against her leading counsel at first trial ; died at his house in Lichfield, 22 Apl. 1890, aged 90 (*Law Times*, 19 July 1890, p. 228) ; bur. at St. Michael's, Lichfield. A strong Liberal, he was constantly in bitter conflict with the Conservatives in the town, and his removal from office in 1844 was one of the fruits of his political activities. His re-instatement in 1849 was effected by a Liberal majority. His final removal from office on 21 Apl. 1887 was only effected after much litigation, his tenacity and obstinacy bringing him very close to imprisonment. A man of wit and fine education, Charles Simpson was an excellent speaker, and a decided "character." In 1874 he contested the Lichfield division against Col. Richard Dyott, of Freeford, and polled 440 votes to 571. A long account of him and his activities is in *The Lichfield Mercury* for 25 Apl. 1890 ; and in *Leaves from an Agent's Diary*, by J. H. Linforth, 1911, pp. 19-23. He was proud of his family's long association with Lichfield, which ceased with his death, and the Rev. Alexander Napier, in the Preface, dated 16 Nov. 1883, to his edition of *Boswell*, includes acknowledgments to "Mr. Charles Simpson, Town Clerk of the city of Lichfield, a gentleman who knew those who had seen and spoken with Johnson, and from whom I learnt the traditions concerning him which still linger there." He mar. in 1828, at Aldridge (settlement dated 30 Oct. 1828), Catherine Burrowes, dau. of Thomas

Adams, of Aldridge Lodge, Aldridge, Staffs.; she died 23 Nov. 1879, aged 75, and was bur. at St. Michael's, Lichfield, having had issue,

I. Stephen Francis Simpson, born 2 Feb. 1831; died 1868, without issue.

II. Charles Burrowes Simpson, born 28 Sep. 1833; died 8 Mch. 1864, without issue; bur. Malvern Wells.

III. Ernest Seward Simpson, born 8 Apl. 1842; died 1872, without issue.

IV. Rowland Simpson, born 24 July 1845; died 30 July 1863.

I. Emily Anne Burrowes Simpson, born 20 Aug. 1829; died 4 Feb. 1831; bur. St. Michael's, Lichfield.

II. Catherine Elizabeth Simpson, born 6 May 1832; died 1918, unmar.; bur. Mitcham, Surrey.

III. Cecilia Simpson, born 22 Nov. 1835; mar. 19 Sep. 1872 at St. Mary's, Lichfield, to Emilius Rowley Nicholson, M.D., of Hastings, and died 3 Mch. 1908; bur. Northwood. Dr. Nicholson was son of Rev. Emilius Nicholson, Incumbent of Minsterley, Salop, and Mary Anne Rowley (of Lichfield) his wife, and grandson of George Nicholson [1760–1825], printer and author (see *Dict. Nat. Biog.*); born 4 Apl. 1828; died 29 Aug. 1907; bur. Northwood, having had issue by Cecilia Simpson his wife,

1. Charles Rowley Nicholson, of College House, East Bridgeford, Notts.; M.R.C.S.Eng.; L.R.C.P.Lond.; Hon. Maj. R.A.M.C.; Staff-Surgeon R.N. (retired); born 29 June 1873; mar. 9 July 1904, at Battle, Sussex, Christine Mary Frances (born 10 July 1875), dau. of William Augustus Raper, of Battle, but has no issue. Dr. C. R. Nicholson, as already stated, possesses the old Simpson family portraits.

2. Cecil Lloyd Nicholson, an actor; born 19 Aug. 1874.

3. Reginald Nicholson, of The Kennels, Great Wilbraham, Cambs.; agent to his third cousin, Reginald S. Hicks, of Wilbraham Temple (*ante*, p. 168); born 29 Sep. 1877; mar. 9 Nov. 1909, at St. Leonard's, Hilda Lucy (born 19 Sep. 1875), dau. of Henry Stephen Phillips, of St. Leonard's on Sea, but has no issue.

1. Emily Adams Nicholson, born 13 Oct. 1879; mar. 21 Sep. 1911, at Marylebone, Denis Ayres (born 25 July 1876), of London, and has had issue, (1) Eric James Denis Ayres, born 14 Feb. 1913, (1) Cecilia Avril Ayres, born 15 Apl. 1914, died 14 Oct. 1918, bur. at Rochford, Essex, (2) Bridget Ruth Ayres, born 6 Apl. 1916.

IV. Anna Maria Simpson, born 7 Dec. 1837; mar. 1865, at Folkestone, Charles Henry Power, C.E., son of Sir Alfred Power [1805–88], M.A., K.C.B., V.P. of Local Govt. Board of Ireland. C. H. Power died 18 Aug. 1871, and his widow about 1899, in Connaught St., London; both bur. at St. Michael's, Lichfield, having had issue,

1. Eleanor Tuskar Power, born 4 Mch. 1867; mar. —— Macnamara,

and had one child ; she died about 1911, at Pensarn, N. Wales, and was bur. at St. Michael's, Lichfield.

2. Mary Olivia Power, born 3 Aug 1869 (11 Westmoreland Road, Bayswater, W.).

V. Eleanor Simpson, born 8 July 1839 ; died 9 Sep. 1866, unmar. ; bur. at Rhyl.

VI. Mary Sophia Simpson, born 30 July 1843 ; died 12 June 1920, unmar. ; bur. at Mitcham.

VII. Gertrude Simpson, born 11 Aug. 1848 ; died 2 June 1864 ; bur. at St. Michael's, Lichfield.

APPENDIX K

THE BAILYE FAMILY OF LICHFIELD

(See *ante*, III., 19, 133)

At the above references I explained how the common idea that Michael Johnson was the only bookseller of his day in Lichfield was a false one, for in William Bailey, or more properly Bailye, he had a competitor in Market Street, at his very door, from at least 1683 to 1715.

When Johnson was introduced to the Rev. Hugh Bailye, about 1780, he surveyed the family history in a brief speech of welcome (*ante*, II., 78) :—

> 'Sir, I knew your father, he was a classman of mine at Dr. Hunter's ; I knew your grandfather, and I knew your great-grandfather ; and (reaching out his hand as he spoke) I am glad to know you.'

The great-grandfather was William Bailye, the bookseller, who died when Johnson was six years old. The census of 1695 thus enumerates his household in Market Street :—

> Wm. Bailey, Gent., Reputed 40 ; Joyce his wife, 34 ; Andrew, 13, John, 7, their sons ; Wm. Pershouse, Batchelor, 28 years ; Ann Roobotham, serv^{t}., 21.

The Bailey family had been prominent in Lichfield for generations, and there were nine other households of persons of the name in 1695.

I assumed that the bookseller was of the Lichfield stock and that the peculiar spelling of the name adopted by his family was merely evidence of the licence people allowed themselves in such matters in those days. But now that I have investigated the family history more closely and found, in a mass of evidence, nothing whatever to suggest kinship, I am inclined to think that William Bailye came as a "stranger" to Lichfield, and that the spelling was intended to emphasize the fact.

From a Pershouse pedigree in Burke's *Commoners*, III., 607, it appears that William Pershouse, esq., of "West Hampton,"* married in 1653 Joyce, daughter of John Stokes, of Bushbury, co. Staff., and had, with a son, John Pershouse, of Wolverhampton, a daughter, Joyce Pershouse, who married William Bayley. I feel no doubt that this was our friend William Bailye, the Lichfield bookseller, whose wife was named Joyce, who had in 1695 one William Pershouse living in his house, and whose son, Richard Bailye, married Isabel, daughter of Hugh Granger, by Anne his wife, daughter of John Pershouse, who was brother to William Pershouse, the father of Joyce (*ibid., loc. cit.;* Shaw's *Staffs.*, II., *222).

The following are the entries from the Lichfield registers relating to the bookseller's family :—

ST. MARY'S.

1683. Aug. 28, bap. Andrew, son of Mr. William Bayley, Bookseller.
1685 Sep. 18. bap. William, son of Mr. Wm. Bayley, Bookseller.
1686/7. Jan. 26. bap. Reavell, son of Mr. Wm. Bayley, Bookseller.
1689. Oct. 12. bap. Richard, son of Mr. Wm. Bayley, bookseller.
1694. May. 14. bap. Daniel, son of Mr. Wm. Bayley, stationer.
1695. Dec. 11. bap. Samuel, son of Mr. Wm. Bayley, stationer.
1696/7. Jan. 10 bap. Jone, dau. of Mr. Wm. Bayley, stationer.
1699. Apl. 27. bap. Philip, son of Mr. Wm. Bayley, stationer.
1710. Nov. 16. bur. William, son of Wm. Bayley, bookseller.
1711. Nov. 6. bap. William, son of Andrew Bayley.
1714. May 25. bap. Thomas, son of Andrew Bayley.
1715. Nov. 29. bur. Mr. William Bayley, Bookseller.
1718. May 16. bap. Mary, dau, of Andrew Bayley.
1718. July 24. bap. Richard, son of Mr. Richard Bayley.

* Evidently an error for Wolverhampton. Some one has used the common contraction of "W'hampton," which some one else has expanded to "West Hampton."

1720. July 3. bap. Hugh, son of Mr. Richard Bayley.
1722. Nov. 11. bap. Elizabeth, dau. of Andrew Bayley.
1735. July 29. mar. Andrew Bayley and Ann Kirkham.
1737. Apl. 14. mar. Thomas Bayley and Ann Walker.
1737/8. Feb. 1. bap. Mary, dau. of Andrew Bayley.
1737/8. Feb. 18. bap. Andrew, son of Thomas Bayley.
1740. July 2. bap. Andrew, son of Andrew Bayley.
1741/2. Jan. 17. bur. Joyce Bailey.
1742. May 11. bap. William, son of Andrew Bailey.
1744. July 14. bap. Thomas, son of Andrew Bailye.
1747. Aug. 29. bap. Ann, dau. of Andrew Bailey.
1761. Apl. 13. bap. Hugh, son of Mr. William Bailey.
1762. Sep. 21. bap. Richard, son of Mr. William Bailey.
1767. Aug. 2. mar. William Grew and Ann Bailey, both of this par., *lic.*
1785. May 30. mar. Hugh Bailye, clerk, Yoxall, and Ann Grundy, this par., *lic.* Wits., Rhd. Hinckley, Mary Hinckley.

ST. CHAD'S.

1697. Apl. 25. bur. Joan, dau. of Mr. William Bayley.
1727. July 5. bur. Mary, dau. of Andrew Bayley.
1727. July 23. bur. Elizabeth, dau. of Andrew Bayley.
1728. Aug. 31. bur. Andrew Bayley.
1736. Apl. 9. bur. A Stillborn Child of Andrew Bayley.
1740. Nov. 26. bur. Richard Bayley.
1742. Apl. 21. bap. Mary, dau. of Andrew Bailey. } unplaced in pedigree.
1744. Sep. 2. bap. Andrew, son of Andrew Bailey. } unplaced in pedigree.
1744. Dec. 23. bur. Andrew, son of Andrew Bailey. } unplaced in pedigree.
1755. July 18. bur. Andrew Bailey.
1762. Nov. 30. bur. A child of Mr. Bailey's.
1766. Aug. 11. bur. Mr. Hugh Bailey.
1785. June 8. bur. Mr. William Bailey.
1797. July 9. bur. William Bailey.
1800. Apl. 17. bur. Richard Bailey, Gent.

And the following are the family wills, so far as I have traced them. It is greatly to be regretted that there seems to be no will of William Bailye the first, at Lichfield or in P.C.C., as it would have been of particular interest, especially if accompanied by an inventory.

ANDREW BAYLEY, of Lichfield. Admon. granted 9 Oct. 1728, at Lichfield, to Mary Bayley, of Lichfield, widow. Sureties, Mary Bayley, of Lichfield, John Morgan, of Lichfield Close, gent., and Simon Wood, jun., of Lichfield Close, glover. Inventory, undated, by Wm. Webb and Samuel Pickering; total, £18-6-6. (The inventory includes 5 brass scales, 2 parcels of sugar, 1 parcel of

rice, some lemons, one marble mortar and pestle, one brass mortar and pestle, brass pans, boxes, and "implements belonging to their calling.")

RICHARD BAILYE, late of St. Mary's, Lichfield, widower. Admon. granted 7 Apl. 1741, in P.C.C., to Richard Bailye, son of decd.

SAMUEL BAYLIE, late of Coventry, bookseller. Admon. granted 11 Apl. 1755, at Lichfield, to Eleanor Baylie, of Coventry, widow, and relict of decd. Sureties, said Eleanor, and Joseph Plant, of Coventry, schoolmaster.

HUGH GRANGER, of St. Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury, late of the Custom House, London, gent. Will dated 28 Mch. 1757. To be bur. in par. church of St. Mary, Aldermanbury. To three nephews, William and Richard Bailye of Lichfield, and Hugh Bailye, now in Ireland, £2500 capital stock of Bank of England, charged with £21 a year to Mrs. Clemeria Norris, formerly Kirk, wife of Richard Norris, staymaker, for life, in payment of legacy her cousin, Isabella Granger, left her,* and a further £5 a year. To Mrs. Susanna Fortescue, widow, now living with me, £10 a year for life. To Mr. Wm. Morton, of Custom House, gent., £100. To Mr. Wm. Procter, esq., and his wife and their eldest dau., £50 each, and to their two other children, £20 each. To John Lemon, esq., a ring. To Mrs. Merrick, wife of Col. Merrick, sister of Mrs. Procter, £50. To Mrs. Mary Hewit, widow, of Wire Hall, co. M'sex, her son James Hewit, Mrs. Sarah Carvil, widow, Mrs. Sarah Wade, spinster, all of Wire Hall, £20 each; to Mrs. Hewit, furniture of my room there. To Sarah and Elizabeth Granger, daus. of Thomas Granger, of Aldermanbury, £25 each, to put them apprentice, and to his son Thomas, £10. Rings to Robert Paul, Wm. Procter, Joseph Erswick, and Thomas Gauston, esqs. To servant, Mary Richardson, if with me at my death, £10, and she and Susanna Fortescue to have mourning. Small money legacies to John Harbottle, living with me; Mrs. Terrel, of Hampstead, co. M'sex; poor of Wolverhampton, and of St. Mary, Aldermanbury. Exors., nephews William and Richard Bailye, and William Morton. Wits., Mary Abbot, Wm. Abbot, Proctor at Doctors' Commons. Proved 1 Feb. 1762, in P.C.C. (St. Eloy 54), by nephews named, power reserved to Wm. Morton.

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* This reference excited my curiosity, for I thought that it might bear upon the identity of "Mr. Norris, a staymaker, in Exeter-street, adjoining Catharine-street, in the Strand," at whose house Johnson took his first London lodgings, in 1737 (Birkbeck Hill's *Boswell*, I., 103). The will of Isabella Granger, of St. Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury, spinster, dated 9 Oct. 1748, was proved 22 Dec. 1749, in P.C.C. (Lisle 373), by Hugh Granger, the exor., who dwelt in the same house with her and was residuary legatee. She was not his sister Isabel, who married Richard Bailye. Her will leaves £500, and reversion of her house, to Mrs. Clemmaria Kirk, of St. Paul, Covent Garden, spinster. It is clear, therefore, that Richard Norris, staymaker, did not marry Clemmaria Kirk till after 1748, and so is likely to have been of a younger generation than the Mr. Norris, staymaker, who was Johnson's landlord in 1737.

ELINER BAILYE, of city of Coventry, widow. Will dated 15 July 1762. To three children, Samuel, John, and Phillis Mary Bailye, my mess. or tenement, and garden, one undivided moiety whereof belongs to me in present possession, and other undivided moiety in reversion expectant on decease of brother-in-law, Mr. Thomas Lucas, in Mill Lane, in Coventry, formerly in tenure of brother, John Poole decd., and now of his widow, Joan Poole, and others, charged together with personal estate with payment of just debts, and subject to rent charge of £5-4-0 devised by last will of said John Poole to said Joan for life, while his widow. To dau. Phillis Mary Bailye, all my wearing apparel, and tea chest, and five silver teaspoons. To son John Bailye, my silver spoon marked with first letters of his name. Rest of personal estate, after payment of debts and funeral expenses, to said three children. Exor., eldest son Samuel ; and brother-in-law Mr. Thomas Lucas, and Mr. Thomas Pen Vernon, of Coventry, overseers. Wits., Thomas Thacker, Sarah Walters and Jos. Cater. Proved 10 Oct. 1766, at Lichfield, by Samuel Bailye, sole exor.

HUGH BAILYE, of Lichfield, esq., Capt. in 2nd or Queen's Regt. of Foot. Will dated 5 Aug. 1766. To be bur. in St. Chad's church, Lichfield. To brothers, William Bailye, of Lichfield, gent., and Richard Bailye, of Close of Lichfield, gent., all personal estate to pay nephew Hugh Bailye, son of said William, £500 ; to my relation, Thomas Bailye, of Lichfield, confectioner, £100 ; to servant, Laurence Crompton, a suit of clothes ; and to John and Eleanor Bailye, children of Samuel Bailye, late of Coventry, decd., and William, Thomas and Ann Bailye, children of Andrew Bailye, late of Lichfield, decd., £20 each ; and to Catherine Bailye, widow of late Thomas Bailye, of London, £20, and £10 a year for life, as I have already given her security for ; and to late servant, John Lewis, of Dublin, soldier in said Queen's Regt., £40 ; and to Elizabeth Wood and Sarah Bullock, servants to said brother William Bailye, and to John Fortescue, his apprentice, and to Charles Eaton, servant to brother Richard Bailye, £5 each. Residuary legatees and exors., said trustees. Wits., Geo. Smalridge, Geo. Hand, jun. Proved 23 Sep. 1766, in P.C.C. (Tyndall 328), by exors.

WILLIAM BAILYE, of Lichfield, gent. Will dated 9 Apl. 1782. To wife Frances, £200 ; £100 now and £100 when she goes to her house in the Close, and 60 guineas yearly for life. By indentures of lease and release dated 22 and 23 Sep. 1736, between Col. Pyott, my wife's uncle, and Mr. George Hand, sen., of the Close, Lichfield, she is entitled to rents of estates at Penesfields and Beckmoores, in Lichfield, and lands in Armitage, co. Staff. I give her which of the College Houses she chooses to reside in after my death, and £20 and my household furniture. To brother Richard Bailye, £100. Resid. legatee, son Hugh. Exors, said brother and son. Son to continue at Oxford until he is M.A. Wits., Danl. Smith, Henry Webb and Chas. Webb. Memorandum, 16 Apl. 1782. To aunt Catherine Bailye, now in Derbyshire, £20. There remains in my hands £283 to Mr. Richardson's account, most of it in Three per Cents. To George Belts, the croft at Cheadle, if he repay £50. Small sums to old servant, widow Hannah Clark, William Grew's wife, John and Mary

Bailye of Coventry, Thomas Bailye of Lichfield and his brother William. Memorandum, 30 Apl. 1782. Son Hugh to have £100 a year till his age of 23. On 10 May 1786, Hugh Bailye, late of Lichfield, now of Yoxall, co. Staff., clerk, swore to memdm., etc., as in his father's writing, as also did Wm. Rowley, jun., of Lichfield, surgeon and apothecary, and Wm. Woolley, of same, brazier and tinman. Proved 27 May 1786, in P.C.C. (Norfolk 263), by son Hugh, power reserved to Richard Bailye.

SAMUEL BAILYE, of Coventry, bookseller. Will dated 8 Jan. 1794. "Well and healthful in body." Wherever I die I desire my remains may be carried and interred under Rev. Mr. Packwood's tomb-stone at altar piece in St. Michael's Church, Coventry. To sister, Phillis Mary Bailye, subject to payment of debts, all my share in mess. with appurts. in Mile Lane, in Coventry, now in tenure of —— Stevens. To wife, Sarah Bailye, and said sister P. M. Bailye, all the messes., lands and tenements to which I became entitled on my marriage with late wife, Catherine Bailye, decd., heretofore Catherine Packwood, spinster. To friend, Mr. Thomas Penn Vernon, apothecary, and his two sons, John Yardley Vernon and James Vernon, £10–10–0 each. To friend Mr. John Kirk, of Coventry, alderman, £20. To Rev. Joseph Rann, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Coventry, £21. To Henry Yardley, of Coventry, apothecary, and his brother and sisters, Thomas Y., Ann Y. and Catherine Y., £60 equally divided, and, if said Thomas Y. die before it come to him, same to be paid to his widow. To William Bailye, of Lichfield, staymaker, £10, and to his son William Bailye my silver watch. To Ann, wife of William Grew, of Lichfield, jersey comber, £10. To Joseph Yardley, of Coventry, silk weaver, £5. To Ann Crosley, of Coventry, £5. To Elizabeth, wife of John Goodwin, of Coventry, silk weaver, £5. To Rev. Hugh Bailye, Vicar of Hanbury, £5–5–0 for ring. To Robert Richards, of Coventry, peruke-maker, £3–3–0. To Richard Sawsey Cox and Ann Cox, son and dau. of John Cox, late of Coventry, victualler, decd., £2–2–0 each. To Mrs. Mary Ward, wife of Charles Ward, esq., and sister of Charles Porter Packwood, of boro' of Warwick, esq., £100. To Samuel Faulkner, of Foleshill, silk weaver, 1s/– a week for life. To Thomas Bailye, of Lichfield, jersey comber and weaver, £5–5–0, to be paid to Rev. Hugh Bailye, in trust for him to pay said Thomas 1s/– per week thereout as long as it lasts. To trustees of Sunday school in Coventry, in which Mrs. Richardson, in New Buildings, in said city, is teacher, £20, to purchase books for the children. To vicar and churchwardens of St. Michael's, Coventry, £5 towards repair of church. Furniture, stock in trade, plate, etc., to wife Sarah, and residue of personal estate to her and sister P. M. Bailye, equally. Exors., said Thomas Penn Vernon and James Vernon. Wits.. Anna Woodcock, Chas. Nutt, John Twist. Proved 6 Oct. 1797, at Lichfield, by both exors.

RICHARD BAILYE, of Close of Lichfield. Will dated 25 Mch. 1799. To nephew, Rev. Hugh Bailye, Vicar of Hanbury, co. Staff., all my right in 7 shares in the Navigation of Trent and Mersey, and mortgages I hold on same, being £2500, he paying Elizabeth Deakin, my father's housekeeper for more than

30 years, £30 a year, and to Elizabeth Cecil, £16 a year. To sister, Frances Bailye, and niece Ann, wife of nephew, Hugh Bailye, £50. To Dr. Falconer, Robert Halden, of Darley, esq., James S. Patton, esq., and his wife, £21 each. To godson Richard, son of said Mr. Patton, £100. To godson John, son of Thomas Hinckley, esq., £100. To Ann, wife of William Grew, and her brother Thomas Bailye, £30 each. To children of said Ann Grew, "except her son Richard, a Bad Man," £20 each. To son of late William Bailye, staymaker, whom I know not, £10. To said Rev. Hugh Bailye, the house I now inhabit, and an annuity of £100 for 30 years, and 12 shares in the Essington and Wirley Navigation. To Sarah Cecil, my servant, £10. To poor of Lichfield, £20. Resid. legatee and exor., nephew Hugh Bailye. No wits. Codicil dated 1 May 1799. To Dean and Chapter of Lichfield, £50, if they re-build and complete a conduit, equal to that abolished, within 20 years of this date, on the foundation and site where the old Singing House then occupied by the choristers stood, in the South corner of Mr. Brereton's garden, without incommoding the Canons' house, which is well screened with plants and trees ; such a reservoir would be of the greatest utility to the inhabitants of the upper side of the Close, and in case of the dreadful calamity of a fire breaking out would be of the utmost importance, for the present reservoir is of small dimensions and the supply from the original springs very slow, consequently a considerable time must take place before any great accumulation of water could be produced. On 30 Apl. 1800, Francis Robinson, of Lichfield, gent., and William Oakey the younger, of the same, writing clerk, swore to handwriting of will and codicil. Proved 5 May 1800, in P.C.C. (Adderley 339), by exor. named.

In St. Chad's church is a mural tablet with this inscription :—

In memory of | Hugh Granger late of | Aldermanbury London Gent : | who died Jany 22^{d} 1762 Aged 82. | Underneath lie the Bodies of | Richard Bailye and Isabella his Wife | Sister to the above H. Granger. | Also the Body of Hugh Bailye Esq : | their youngest Son, late Captn in the | 2^{d} or Queen's Reg^{t} of Foot, who died | August 8th 1766, Aged 46.

In the floor below this tablet are stones lettered "H.B. 1766," "R.B. 1762," and "R.B. 1800," and near them a large slab lettered :—"The Family Vault | of the | Bailyes."

"William Baylye" was junior bailiff in 1692, "William Bailye" senior bailiff in 1698, and "William Bailye" junior bailiff in 1711 (Harwood's *Lichfield*, pp. 430-31), but I cannot say whether it was the bookseller who held office, as spelling goes for little at that date, and there were then several other William "Baileys" prominent in Lichfield. "William Bailye" was junior bailiff in 1749, and senior

bailiff in 1757 and 1776 (*ibid.*, 433-5), who was almost certainly the son of Richard Bailye and Isabella Granger. On the authority of Rupert Simms's *Bibliotheca Staffordiensis* I called this William Bailye a printer (*ante*, III., 133), but Blanche Hinckley, of Lichfield Close, widow, in her will dated 6 Dec. 1771 and proved 3 Nov. 1772 at Lichfield, left mourning rings to "Mr. Wm. Bailey, Apothecary, and Frances his wife." This Blanche, widow of Thomas Hinckley of Lichfield, was a daughter of Richard Pyott, of Streethay, near Lichfield: her sister Frances married George Hand and had a daughter Frances Hand, who married William Bailye (Shaw's *Staffs.*, I., 364; and *post*, pp. 180, 197).

In the south aisle of St. Michael's, Coventry, is a grave with the following inscription :—

Here lyeth interred the | remains of the Rev^{d} | Mr. Packwood M.A. | and Vicar of Feckenham | in the County and diocese of | Worcester who departed | this life ye 10th day of | November in the year | of our Lord 1751 | in ye 68th year of his | age. Also Mrs. Cath^{n} Baily wife | of Mr. S. Baily who dyed | April 22. 1772 | likewise Mrs. Sarah Baileye | his second wife who dyed | July 12. 1796 | Also Mr. Samuel Baileye | Stationer of this City who dyed | July 18. 1797 ae 71.

As Catherine, first wife of Samuel Bailye, was born Catherine Packwood (as his will tells us), it is natural to conclude that she was the daughter of the Rev. Mr. Packwood with whom they are buried.* Samuel, son of Thomas Packwood, of Coventry, *pleb.*, matric. 8 July 1697, aged 13, from St. John's College, Oxford; B.A. 1702; M.A. from Pembroke College, Cambridge, 1714; vicar of Exhall, co. War., 1725-42, and of Feckenham, co. Worc., 1742-51. Gery, son of Samuel Packwood, of co. War., clerk, matric. 20 May 1731, aged 16, from St. John's College, Oxford; barr.-at-law, Gray's Inn, 1734, bencher 1756 (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*). Rogers Porter Packwood, son of "Major" Packwood, entered Rugby School in 1789 (*Register*, p. 66); as son of Charles Porter Packwood (mentioned in Samuel

* Samuel Packwood, of city of Coventry, clerk, in his will of 1 Aug. 1748 leaves all his estate to his dear and loving wife, Jane Packwood, and mentions no one else. The will, made when he was "weak of body," and witnessed by Thomas Elliott, John Walker and Richard Adcock, was proved 10 Apl. 1752, at Lichfield, by Jane, the widow. The fact that he mentions no children has no significance, for his son Gery was certainly alive.

Bailye's will) he entered Merton College, Oxford, in 1792, becoming M.A. and Vicar of St. Mary's, Warwick. Charles Packwood, Warwick, who entered Rugby in 1762, was no doubt C. P. P.

In the pedigree that follows I have assumed, what the evidence suggests, that Andrew Bailye, who died in 1755, was son of Andrew Bailye who died in 1728, and not his nephew. But absolute proof is lacking. Hugh Bailye, in 1766, leaves £20 and an annuity of £10, to Catherine, widow of Thomas Bailye, of London ; while his brother William in 1782 leaves £20 to his aunt Catherine Bailye, " now in Derbyshire." Possibly therefore William Bailye, the first, the bookseller, had an unrecorded son Thomas, who married Catherine.

WILLIAM BAILYE, of Market Street, Lichfield, bookseller and stationer ; " reputed 40 " in 1695 ; bur. 29 Nov. 1715 at St. Mary's, Lichfield. Mar. Joyce, dau. of William Pershouse, of Wolverhampton, by Joyce his wife, dau. of John Stokes, of Bushbury, co. Staff. ; aged 34 in 1695 ; ? bur. 17 Jan. 1741/2 at St. Mary's, Lichfield, having had issue,

A. Andrew Bailye, of Lichfield, ? confectioner ; bap. 28 Aug. 1683 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; bur. 31 Aug. 1728 at St. Chad's, Lichfield. Admon. granted 9 Oct. 1728, at Lichfield, to Mary the widow. He had issue,

a. Andrew Bailye, of Lichfield ; bur. 18 July 1755 at St. Chad's, Lichfield ; had issue by Ann Kirkham, whom he married 29 July 1735 at St. Mary's, Lichfield,

(a) Stillborn child, bur. 9 Apl. 1736 at St. Chad's, Lichfield.

(b) Mary Bailye ; bap. 1 Feb. 1737/8 at St. Mary's, Lichfield.

(c) Andrew Bailye, bap. 2 July 1740 at St. Mary's, Lichfield.

(d) William Bailye, of Lichfield, staymaker ; bap. 11 May 1742 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; bur. 9 July 1797 at St. Chad's, Lichfield ; had a son William Bailye, living 8 Jan. 1794.

(e) Thomas Bailye, of Lichfield, jersey comber and weaver ; bap. 14 July 1744 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; living 25 Mch. 1799.

(f) Ann Bailye ; bap. 29 Aug. 1747 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; mar. there 2 Aug. 1767 to William Grew, of Lichfield, jersey comber. They were both living 25 Mch. 1799, with issue, including Richard Grew, " a bad man."

b. William Bailye, bap. 6 Nov. 1711 at St. Mary's, Lichfield.

c. Thomas Bailye, of Lichfield, confectioner ; bap. 25 May 1714 at St. Mary's, Lichfield, and mar. there 14 Apl. 1737 to Ann Walker, and had an eldest child, Andrew Bailye, bap. 18 Feb. 1737/8 at St. Mary's, Lichfield. T. B. living 5 Aug. 1766.

d. Mary Bailye, bap. 16 May 1718 at St. Mary's, and bur. 5 July 1727 at St. Chad's, Lichfield.

e. Elizabeth Bailye, bap. 11 Nov. 1722 at St. Mary's, and bur. 23 July 1727 at St. Chad's, Lichfield.

B. William Bailye, bap. 18 Sep. 1685 at St. Mary's, and bur. there 16 Nov. 1710.

C. Reavell Bailye, bap. 26 Jan. 1686/7 at St. Mary's, Lichfield.

D. RICHARD BAILYE, bap. 12 Oct. 1689, of whom presently.

E. John Bailye, aged 7 in 1695.

F. Daniel Bailye, bap. 14 May 1694 at St. Mary's, Lichfield.

G. Samuel Bailye, of Coventry, bookseller; bap. 11 Dec. 1695 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; admon. granted 11 Apl. 1755 at Lichfield. Mar. Eleanor, sister of John Poole, of Coventry; her will, dated 15 July 1762, was proved 10 Oct. 1766 at Lichfield. They had issue,

1. Samuel Bailye, of Coventry, bookseller and stationer; died without issue, 18 July 1797, aged 71; bur. at St. Michael's, Coventry. Will dated 8 Jan. 1794, proved 6 Oct. 1797 at Lichfield. Mar. 1st Catherine Packwood, perhaps dau. of Rev. Samuel Packwood, M.A., Vicar of Feckenham, co. Worc., who died 22 Apl. 1772; and 2nd Sarah ——, who died 12 July 1796, both wives being bur. at St. Michael's, Coventry.

2. John Bailye, living 16 Apl. 1782.

1. Phillis Mary Bailye, living unmar. 8 Jan. 1794.

H. Joan Bailye, bap. 10 Jan. 1696/7 at St. Mary's, and bur. 25 Apl. 1697 at St. Chad's, Lichfield.

I. Philip Bailye, bap. 27 Apl. 1699 at St. Mary's, Lichfield.

RICHARD BAILYE, of Lichfield; son of William Bailye preceding; bap. 12 Oct. 1689 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; bur. 26 Nov. 1740 at St. Chad's, Lichfield. Admon. granted 7 Apl. 1741 in P.C.C. Mar. Isabella (his second cousin), dau. of Hugh Granger, by Anne his wife, dau. of John Pershouse; she predeceased her husband and was bur. at St. Chad's, Lichfield, leaving issue,

I. William Bailye, of Lichfield, apothecary; bur. 8 June 1785 at St. Chad's, Lichfield. Will dated 9 Apl. 1782, with codicils of 16 and 30 Apl. 1782; proved 27 May 1786 in P.C.C. Mar. Frances, dau. of George Hand, of Lichfield, by Frances his second wife, dau. of Richard Pyott, of Streethay, nr. Lichfield (see *post*, p. 197). She was living a widow 25 Mch. 1799, having had issue,

1. Rev. Hugh Bailye, M.A. Christ Ch., Oxf.; Canon Residentiary and Chancellor of Lichfield; Vicar of Hanbury from 1790, and of Alrewas from 1818; Prebendary of Lichfield from 1802; bap. 13 Apl. 1761 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; died 9 June 1833, without issue. Admon.

granted 24 June 1833 in P.C.C. He mar. 30 May 1785, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, Ann. dau. of —— Grundy, of Lichfield, who was living, his widow, and an imbecile, on 24 June 1833. Her sister, Catherine Grundy, was mar. 7 Sep. 1778, at St. Mary's, to Thomas Hinckley of Lichfield.

2. Richard Bailye, bap. 21 Sept. 1762 at St. Mary's, and bur. 30 Nov. 1762 at St. Chad's, Lichfield.

II. Richard Bailye, of the Cathedral Close, Lichfield ; bap. 24 July 1718 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; died unmar. ; bur. 17 Apl. 1800 at St. Chad's, Lichfield. Will dated 25 Mch. 1799, with codicil of 1 May 1799 ; proved 5 May 1800 in P.C.C.

III. Hugh Bailye, Capt. 2nd or Queen's Regt. of Foot ; bap. 3 July 1720 at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; died unmar. 8 Aug. 1766, aged 46 ; bur. 11 Aug. 1766 at St. Chad's, Lichfield. Will dated 5 Aug. 1766, proved 23 Sep. 1766 in P.C.C.

There was friendship, and apparently some family connexion, between David Garrick and these Bailyes. Writing to his father, then at Gibraltar, from Lichfield, in 1733, the precocious boy of seventeen remarks :—" Aunt Kinaston, Cousin Bailey, Mrs. ——, one night got tipsy here by drinking ' To all our Friends by Land and by Sea ' " (Fitzgerald's *Garrick*, new ed. 1899, p. 15). When established in London the actor wrote of having " had some old Lichfielders to sup—Levett, the two Robinsons, and two Garricks, Dick Bailye " (*ibid.*, 433), the latter being evidently Richard Bailye [1718–1800]. Mr. Fitzgerald, at the last reference, says that " Garrick and Bailey " was a well-known firm in Lichfield, the senior being the actor's brother Peter, wine merchant.

The Rev. Hugh Bailye, as the last member of his branch of the family, became possessed of considerable means, and his estate at his death was valued at £70,000 (*ante*, II., 79). The elder branch, descendants of Andrew Bailye, seem to have lost ground and to have been in comparatively poor circumstances.

I have discovered nothing to shake my belief (*ante*, III., 133) that " Mr. Richard Bayley," godson, with Samuel Johnson, to Richard Wakefield, was identical with Richard Bailye [1689–1740], the bookseller's son.

We know that Dr. Johnson used to visit his cousin Thomas Johnson at Coventry from time to time (*ante*, p. 36), and it is very likely that

he would, when opportunity occurred, look up Samuel Bailye [1726 ?–97], in his bookseller's shop, where there was not only the stock to discuss but also a chance of Lichfield gossip. It will be noticed that in Samuel Bailye's will of 1794 he left £21 to the Rev. Joseph Rann, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Coventry, a literary clergyman with whom Johnson dined in May 1779 (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 224).

This little history of the Bailyes, showing their family connexions, will help to illustrate my remark (*ante*, III., 170) as to the superior type of men who took up bookselling in the time of Michael Johnson, and for some generations later.

APPENDIX L

THE LEVETTS OF LICHFIELD

(see *ante*, III., 58, 90, 128, 176)

At the above references, and in my *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, will be found various items of information concerning the Levett family, and its association with Johnson. And in my account of the deeds of Johnson's Birthplace I have dealt with the mortgaging of the property to Theophilus Levett in 1740, and with the forbearance shown by him, and his son John Levett, in regard to interest long overdue (*ante*, p. 10).

Theophilus, as we shall see, was a Cheshire man who settled in Lichfield as an attorney, and in 1721, at the age of 27, was appointed Town Clerk. In 1718 he acted for the King in the prosecution of Michael Johnson for trading as a tanner. It is to his honour that he was one of the local gentlemen of position who extended friendship to the youthful Samuel Johnson. He was of higher rank socially than the Adeys, Simpsons and Hands, contemporary attorneys in Lichfield, and the family evidently possessed considerable wealth, which was increased by legal practice and advantageous marriages.

Mr. Thomas Levett-Prinsep, now of Overstowe, Lichfield, has kindly sent me the following extracts from a family Bible :—

April ye first 1687. About 8 in ye evening being fryday was born at Shavington in Shropshire in ye parish of Aderley ye eldest daughter of Ar : Levett by his wife Ann and was cristened by the name of frances on ye 3^{d} day of April . . . and ye gossips were ye Lord Kilmorey, Madam Leveson, and Madam Ann Chollomondeley.

January ye eight being Tuesday	1688	born Thomas.
May 17	1690	Mary.
Sept. 21	1691	Elizabeth.
Decr. 30	1692	Ann.

Decr. ye 9–1693 being Saturday at half a quarter after eleven at night was born ye fourth [? second] son of Arthur Levett by Ann his wife in the township of Austerson in the parish of Acton, and was baptized at the same place by ye name of Theophilus and his gossips were the Rt. Honourable the Countess of Huntingdon and my cozen Adams and Mr. Charles Fletcher stood for Mr. Brock. 1694. Sept. 29.—born a son bapt^{d}. Elton.

1697. Oct. ye 5. was born 5th daug : of Ar : Levett by Ann his wife about half an hour after 7 in the morning and was baptized by ye name of Gertrude ye 16 day of ye same month and departed ye 7th of Sept. 1743 most sincerely lamented by all that were so happy to be acquainted with her.

Mr. Levett-Prinsep sends me also, from some family notes, the following copy of an inscription, which he takes to be at Acton :—

Here lyeth the body of Arthur Levett of Cool Lane in this parish Gent : who was ye 9th & younger son of Wm. Levett of Littleworth in ye county of Sussex Esq. He married Ann daughter of John Elton of Ledbury 3^{d} son of Ambrose Elton of the Hazel in the co : of Hereford Esq. by Ann his wife dau. of Edward Lord Aston of Tixall in the county of Stafford, which Arthur left 3 sons and 4 daughters and departed this life ye 29th day of Novr. 1722 aged 72.

The Rev. Herbert Moore, the present Vicar of Acton, which is close to Nantwich, tells me that he can find no trace of any such monument in the church, but in his register, under 1722, occurs :—"Arthur Levett Gent: of Austerson was Buried ye Third Day of December."

According to Burke's *Extinct Peerages*, Ambrose Elton's wife Anne was daughter of Sir Edward Aston, and sister to Sir Walter Aston, who was created a baronet in 1611, and a peer, as Lord Aston of Forfar, in 1627.

The following will abstracts throw much light on the family during the eighteenth century :—

ARTHUR LEVETT, of Austerson, par. of Acton, co. Chester, gent. Will dated 10 Oct. 1721. To wife Ann, annuity of £30 for life, payable out of mess., lands and hereditaments in Austerson, which, with all my real estate, I devise to son Thomas Levett, and if he die without issue then to son Theophilus, chargeable with annuities (after wife's death) of £3 each to younger children, Elton, Frances, Mary, Elizabeth and Gertrude. To sons Theophilus and Elton, £5 each ; and to grandchildren, John and Mary, children of said Theophilus, £1-1-0 each. To said wife, use and occupation of residue of personal estate for life, and then to said four daus., Frances, Mary, Elizabeth and Gertrude. Exors., wife, and son Thomas. Wits., John Hall, sen., Joseph Allecock and Edward Skirritt. Proved 16 May 1723, at Chester, by Anne Levett, the relict, power reserved for Thomas Levett, the other exor.

THEOPHILUS LEVETT, of city of Lichfield, gent. Will dated 25 Oct. 1741. To be bur. at Whittington, co. Staff., in same vault with decd. wife, with as little expense as possible, with approval of now wife, and instead of bearers six tenants to carry me to grave. To wife Anne, £200 a year, she having joined with me in selling her jointure in Yoxall estate, and also lands there purchased lately by me of Zachary Hill and his wife, and all other lands there, for life, with remainder after her death to eldest son John. Any deficit to be made up to her out of lands in Amington, co. War. She, if she desires, to live in my house in Lichfield, and I do not make her extrix. because my affairs are so " perplext." To son and dau. Repington, £10 each. To son Richard, house in Whittington called Hobbeys House, or in Tamhorn, or Horton, with all appurts., and the Sheepwashes, near Fisherwick Park Pale, and mess. in Sutton Coldfield, bought of John Terry, to him and his heirs for ever. I have already paid him £100 left him by Mr. Samuel Mousley ; further I give him £100, my old silver tankard, and six spoons. To son Thomas, house, formerly Onion's, in Market Street, Lichfield, in tenure of George Whateley and Samuel Buckley, held of Lichfield Cathedral by lease, and mess. in Sandford Street, lately bought of the Digbys, and enclosed piece of land in Gayfield, Lichfield, bought of John Coxen, and £500 at 21. I desire he may be bred to the law, and give him my silver cup, six silver spoons, and such of my books as are fit for an attorney. To dau. Anne Levett, £1000 at 21, my large silver coffee pot, a silver milk jug, a ring with four rose diamonds, and one half her Mamma's pearl necklace. To dau. Elizabeth Levett, £1000 at 21, my little silver coffee pot, a small silver waiter, and other half of her Mamma's necklace. To son John, advowson and patronage of Whittington Church, son Richard to be minister or perpetual curate at next vacancy after he is 21. A remembrance to brothers and sisters. Brothers Thomas and Elton Levett to be guardians to sons Richard and Thomas ; dau. Anne, who is nearly grown up, I recommend to her aunts, and make wife guardian to dau. Elizabeth. Resid. legatee and exor., son John. Wits., Jno. Egginton,

Caesar Arden Colclough and Brome Blackbourn. Proved 3 Feb. 1746/7, in P.C.C. (Potter 44), by John Levett, esq., the son.

THOMAS LEVETT, of St. James, Westminster, esq. Will dated 15 Feb. 1755. Annuity of £30, by Treasury Order No. 1009, dated 30 Apl. 1705, to sister Mary Levett, and after her death to niece Ann Levett ; and another similar annuity of £20 to said niece ; and another of £20, on death of Judith Bourgues, widow, to nephew Thomas Levett ; and another annuity of £10, to which I am entitled on death of Elizabeth Baugh, to niece Ann, wife of George Parkyns, esq. To sister Mary Levett, £100, and furniture in my house in Warwick Street, London, wherein I now dwell, and my houses in King Street, par. of St. James, Westminster. Another house in King Street, to niece Frances, wife of Hon. —— Byron, esq. To niece, Ann Levett, £1000. To nephew, Richard Levett, £100. My two tenements in Coo Lane, Acton, co. Chester, and mess. in Aderley, co. Salop, to nephew Thomas Levett. To exor., £1000 in trust for niece, Ann Parkyns. To clerk, David Roberts, £50. Resid. legatee and exor., nephew John Levett. Wits., John Drummond, Henry Drummond and James George. Proved 4 Apl. 1758, in P.C.C. (Hutton 120), by exor.

MARY LEVETT, of Lichfield Close, spinster. Will dated 1 Feb. 1757. To brother Thomas Levett, £20. To nephew John Levett, £20. To nephew, Richard Levett, £500. To nephew Thomas Levett, £100 and my house in King Street, left me by my brother. To nieces, Ann Parkyns and Frances Byron, each £500 stock in old Annuities. Extrix., niece Ann Levett. No wits. On 21 Dec. 1764, John Barker, of Lichfield, merchant, and Edward Burslem Sudell, of Lichfield Close, swore to handwriting of will. Proved 1 Mch. 1765, in P.C.C. (Rushworth 105), by Ann, wife of Rev. Richard Levett, clerk, extrix. named in will.

ANN LEVETT, late of Kings Swinford, co. Staff. Admon. granted 16 Dec. 1765, in P.C.C., to Richard Levett, clerk, husband of decd.

JOHN LEVETT, of Lichfield, esq. Will dated 13 Dec. 1794. All lands, leases, rights of patronage, etc., in cos. Staff. and War., to Rev. Richard Levett, of West Wycomb, Bucks., clerk, and Thomas Hinckley, of Lichfield, gent., in trust as follows. All estates, except those after specified, in trust for brother, Rev. Richard Levett, clerk, Rector of Wrotham, Kent, and my moiety of manor of Packington, co. Staff., with reversion to my brother, Thomas Levett, esq., and Catherine his wife, and after their deaths to nephew, Rev. Thomas Levett, clerk, their youngest son, and heirs of his body. My estates in Whichnor, Barton, Yoxall and Alrewas, co. Staff., to said brothers, with contingent remainder to nephew, Theophilus Levett, eldest son of brother Thomas, and said nephew Thomas, and their issue ; to nieces Anne Levett, eldest dau. of brother Thomas, Catherine, wife of Wm. Humberston Cawley Floyer, esq., my brother's youngest dau., Richard Levett the younger, of All Souls', Oxford, eldest son of kinsman, Richard Levett, of West Wycombe, by Lucy his late wife ; and their

heirs successively. To cousins, Ann Parkyns and Frances Byron, both of Nottingham, £50 a year each for life. To brother Richard Levett, all my furniture, books and plate. To nephew, Theophilus Levett, my Whichnor estate. To nephew Thomas Levett, £12000. To niece Ann Levett, £5000. To niece Catherine Floyer, interest on £4000, and capital to her children after her death. Bequests to servants. Exor., brother Thomas Levett. Wits., Theo. Buckeridge, John B. Scott, and Wm. Oakey, jun. Codicil dated 24 Feb. 1798. To nephew, Theophilus Levett, power to grant rent charge to his present wife Frances, late Frances Princep, spinster. Wits., John B. Scott, Fras. Sharratt and Wm. Oakey, jun. Proved 12 May 1800, in P.C.C. (Adderley 380), by Thomas Levett, esq., brother and exor. of decd.

The following extracts from the Lichfield registers further illustrate the pedigree :—

ST. MARY'S

1719. Dec. 10. bap. Mary, dau. of Mr. Theophilus Levett.
1721. Aug. 17. bap. John, son of Mr. Theophilus Levett.

ST. MICHAEL'S

1721. July 17. bap. John, son of Mr. Theophilus Levit.
1725. May 26. bap. Theophilus, son of Mr. Theophilus and Mrs. Mary Levet.
1726/7. Feb. 12. bap. Richard, son of Mr. Theophilus and Mary Levet.
1729. Nov. 27. bap. Thomas, son of Mr. Theophilus and Mrs. Mary Levet.
1733/4. Feb. 20. bap. Elizabeth, dau. of Mr. Theophilus and Mary Levet.
1743. Sep. 10. bur. Mrs. Gertrude Levett.
1746. Nov. 25. bur. Mrs. Frances Levett, St. Mary's.
1756. May 28. bur. Joshua Allenson from John Levitts, Esq.
1758. Feb. 18. bur. Thomas Levett, Esq.
1762. Aug. 12. mar. Thomas Levett, gent., and Mrs. Cath. Floyer, *lic.*
1763. June 9. mar. Rev. Mr. Richard Levett and Mrs. Ann Levett.
1764. Oct. 3. bur. Mrs. Mary Levett.
1779. June 13. bur. Mary Wait, from John Levitts, Esq., St. John Street.

One William Levett, of the Bears Head, Bird Street, St. Mary's parish, was buried at St. Michael's on 29 June 1773. There are several entries in the above two registers relating to him and his family, but he is not likely to have been akin to Theophilus. St. Chad's registers contain no Levett entries at this period. At the time of the census of 1695 there was no Levett in the city.

Mr. Homer sends me the following abstract of a marriage settlement that was in his hands :—

Articles of agreement made 27 Jan. 1727/8 between (1) Elizth. Rickards, of Nottingham, spinster, (2) Elton Levett, of Nottingham, gent., and (3) Joseph

Clay, of Nottingham, gent., and Theophilus Levett, of Lichfield, gent. In consideration of her intended marriage with Elton Levett, Elizabeth Rickards agrees that one half of a legacy of £1000, to which she is entitled under the will of her brother, Benjamin Rickards, gent., decd., shall be for the use of said Elton Levett, and the other half shall be at disposal of said Elizabeth, notwithstanding her marriage. Sigs. of Eliz. Rickards, Elton Levett, Joseph Clay. Wits., John Egginton and Wm. Thompson.

According to a Rickards pedigree in Hunter's *Familiæ Minorum Gentium* (*Harleian Society*, vol. 39, p. 1171), Elton Levett, of Nottingham, gent., married Elizabeth, daughter of John Rickards, of Nottingham, alderman (died 1703), and sister and heir of Benjamin Rickards, of Spondon, co. Derby, esq.

Theophilus Levett evidently got his name from Theophilus, 7th Earl of Huntingdon [1650–1701], whose second countess was his godmother.

Among Lord Dartmouth's papers is a letter of Theophilus Levett's, dated Lichfield, 30 Sept. 1745, to the D.L.s and J.P.s of Staffordshire, calling a meeting to decide whether to call out the militia or raise companies of foot and a troop or two of horse, till the present troubles are over. Another letter of his, to the Earl of Dartmouth, dated Lichfield 20 Oct. 1745, explains that they are raising a regiment in the county instead of militia. A third letter, same to same, of 2 Dec. 1745, mentions that the rebels were yesterday at Stockport and Macclesfield.

I have been so hurried and busied in military affairs for this last three weeks that I have not been able to do or think of business. The Duke of Richmond has lodged in my house for ten days, and I had but just a bed to lie on . . . (*Hist. MSS. Commission*, 15th Report, App. I., pp. 164–5).

In Shaw's *Staffordshire*, I., 378, are given the two following inscriptions on mural marble tablets against the south wall of Whittington Church :—

Near this place | lie the bodies of | Theophilus Levett, | who died May 2, 1746, | and Mary, his wife, | who died March 30, 1734. | And also two of their children, | Theophilus, who died April 16, 1726, | and Elizabeth, who died | May 26, 1754.

To the memory of Anne, | daughter of Theophilus Levett, | of Lichfield, and wife to the rev. | Richard Levett, of West Wycomb, | in the county of

Bucks, | who inscribes this to the memory | of the best of friends and wives. | She departed this life Oct. 2, 1765, aged 41. | Her rectitude of mind and manners | made her an ornament, | and her death a loss, | to social life.

On the floor of the centre aisle of St. Michael's Church, Lichfield, is a stone with this inscription :—

Here lies the body of | Gertrude Levett | who died the seventh day of September | MDCCXLIII.

Samuel Mousley, of Lichfield, gent., in his will dated 14 May 1733 and proved 3 Aug. 1733 in P.C.C. (Price 147), leaves £100 "to Richard, son of Theophilus Levett, of Lichfield, my godson." And Elizabeth, wife of Francis Bailey, of Lichfield, gent., in her will dated 9 June 1735 * and proved 26 May 1737 at Lichfield, leaves all her lands and real estate in Mavesyn Ridware, Pipe Ridware, or Hampstall Ridware, now in possession of Valentine Newman, to her "cozen" and god-daughter Mary Levett, daughter of Theophilus Levett, of Lichfield, gent.; while her lands in Draycott, co. Staff., she leaves to her cousin and god-daughter Mary Robinson, daughter of Mr. Luke Robinson, or, in default of Mary having issue, to Ann Levett, sister of said Mary Levett. To Elizabeth, daughter of Theophilus Levett, she leaves her two silver salvers. Theophilus himself was to have £50, a mourning ring and to be an executor. It is clear from her will that her maiden name was Hawkes. Mr. Homer has sent me a note of the settlement, dated 16 Oct. 1728, on the marriage of Francis Bayley, gent., and Elizabeth Hawkes, both of Lichfield, of which Theophilus Levett, gent., and Joseph Parker, apothecary, both of Lichfield, were trustees. It is evident that the bride was a daughter of Katherine Babington, who married her cousin Ralph Hawkes, of Newton, par. of Blithfield, and a niece of Dorothy Babington, who married Luke Robinson, and of Mary Babington, who married Theophilus Levett (Howard and Crisp's *Visitation of England and Wales*, "Notes," vol. 8, pp. 52–4).

Shaw, in his *Staffordshire*, vol. I. (1797), p. 124, dealing with Whichnor, says that John Offley

having no wife or family, in 1765, sold it to John Levett, of Lichfield, esq. where he resides, in an excellent town house, next to the free school in St. John

* "Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Francis Bailye," was bur. 27 Sept. 1735 at St. Michael's, Lichfield. She had desired to be bur. in the chancel there, with her father and mother.

Street, and nearly opposite to St. John's hospital. He being a bachelor far advanced in years, as is his next brother, the rev. . . . Levett, his presumptive heirs are his other brother's children, of Packington, Theophilus Levett, esq. and the rev. Thomas Levett, the present minister of Whichnor and vicar of Whittington.

In *Dyott's Diary*, ed. Reginald W. Jeffery, 2 vols., 1907, will be found numerous references to the Levetts of the early 19th century, by General William Dyott, of Freeford.

The preceding evidences, together with some to be quoted and a few dates, etc., from Burke's *Landed Gentry* and other sources, go to make a pretty full pedigree of the Levetts, for the period during which they are of interest to us : —

ARTHUR LEVETT, of Coole Lane, Austerson, par. of Acton, Cheshire, gent., 9th and youngest son of William Levett, of Littleworth, Sussex, esq. ; died 29 Nov. 1722, aged 72 ; burd. at Acton. Will dated 10 Oct. 1721, proved 16 May 1723 at Chester. He married Ann, dau. of John Elton, of Ledbury, and grand-dau. of Ambrose Elton, of The Hasles, both in co. Hereford, and had issue by her,

I. Thomas Levett, of Warwick St., St. James's, Westminster, regimental agent ; born 8 Jan. 1688/9 ; died 15 Feb. 1758 ("Musgrave's Obituary," *Harleian Society*), unmar. ; bur. at St. Michael's, Lichfield. Will dated 15 Feb. 1755, proved 4 Apl. 1758 in P.C.C.

II. THEOPHILUS LEVETT, born 9 Dec. 1693, of whom presently.

III. Elton Levett, of Nottingham, M.D. ; born 29 Sep. 1694, living 25 Oct. 1741 ; mar. Elizabeth, dau. of John Rickards, of Nottingham, alderman, and sister and heir of Benjamin Rickards, of Spondon, co. Derby (pre-nuptial settlement, 27 Jan. 1727/8), and had issue by her,

1. Anne Levett, co-heir to her father, mar. 16 Apl. 1749 to George Parkyns, officer in army, 3rd son of Sir Thomas Parkyns, 2nd bt. George Parkyns, born 30 Dec. 1729, left issue by his wife, who was living at Nottingham 13 Dec. 1794, for whom see Burke's *Peerage*.

2. Frances Levett, co-heir to her father ; mar. Hon. George Byron (born 22 Apl. 1730), 4th son of William, 4th Lord Byron. He died 5 May 1789, at Paddington, leaving issue by her, who was living at Nottingham 13 Dec. 1794. See Burke's *Peerage*.

I. Frances Levett, born 1 Apl. 1687, at Shavington, par. of Adderley, co. Salop ; bap. 3 Apl. 1687 ; died unmar. at Lichfield ; bur. 25 Nov. 1746 at St. Michael's, Lichfield.

II. Mary Levett, born 17 May 1690 ; died unmar. in Lichfield Close ; bur. 3 Oct. 1764 at St. Michael's, Lichfield. Will dated 1 Feb. 1757, proved 1 Mch. 1765 in P.C.C.

III. Elizabeth Levett, born 21 Sep. 1691; living 10 Oct. 1721, unmar.

IV. Ann Levett, born 30 Dec. 1692; dead 10 Oct. 1721.

V. Gertrude Levett, born 5 Oct. 1697; bap. 16 Oct. 1697; died unmar. 7 Sep. 1743; bur. 10 Sep. 1743 at St. Michael's, Lichfield.

THEOPHILUS LEVETT, 2nd son of Arthur Levett preceding; born 9 Dec. 1693 at Austerson, par. of Acton, Cheshire; bap. Acton; succeeded Johnson's godfather, Richard Wakefield, as Town Clerk of Lichfield, 21 June 1721 (Harwood's *Lichfield*, 439); held office till death on 2 May 1746; burd. at Whittington. Will dated 25 Oct. 1741, proved 3 Feb. 1746/7 in P.C.C. He mar., 1st, Mary, 2nd dau. and co-heir of John Babington, of Whittington, co. Staff., by Mary his wife, dau. of Ralph Hawkes; she died 30 Mch. 1734 and was bur. at Whittington. He mar., 2nd, Anne, sister and co-heir of William Taylor, on 22 Apl. 1739, at Walton-on-Trent, co. Derby; she was bur. 25 Sep. 1765 at Whittington (Howard and Crisp's *Visitation of England and Wales*, "Notes," vol. 8, p. 54). By Mary Babington, Theophilus Levett had issue,

I. John Levett; bap. 17 July 1721 at St. Michael's, Lichfield; matric. 23 Feb. 1738/9, aged 17, from Brasenose Coll., Oxf.; barr.-at-law, Inner Temple, 1743 (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*); returned as M.P. for Lichfield in Apl. 1761, but unseated on petition Feb. 1762 (Harwood's *Lichfield*, 365); purchased Wychnor Park, co. Staff., from John Offley, in 1765, but continued to live in his house in St. John's Street, next to Lichfield School,* until his death unmar. on 22 Nov. 1799. Will dated 13 Dec. 1794, with codicil of 24 Feb. 1798, proved 12 May 1800 in P.C.C.

II. Theophilus Levett; bap. 26 May 1725 at St. Michael's, Lichfield; died 16 Apl. 1726; bur. Whittington.

III. Richard Levett, bap. 12 Feb. 1726/7 at St. Michael's, Lichfield; matric. 13 Mch. 1745/6, aged 19, from Christ Church, Oxf.; B.A. from Pembroke Coll. 1749; Rector of Little Berkhampstead, 1753; Rector of Wrotham, Kent, 1791 (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*); died unmard. 13 Mch. 1802; bur. at Whittington.

IV. THOMAS LEVETT, of Packington Hall, co. Staff., of whom presently.

I. Mary Levett, bap. 10 Dec. 1719 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; mar. before 25 Oct. 1741 to Edward Repington, major of militia; eldest son of Gilbert Repington, of Tamworth, co. War., by Jane his wife, dau. of Sir Thomas Vernon, and brother of Johnson's schoolfellow, Gilbert Repington (*ante*, III., 128). Edward Repington succeeded to family

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* Levett's Field, behind the School, used by the scholars as a playground while Johnson was there (*ante*, III., 117), must have got its name from Theophilus Levett, who presumably also lived in St. John's Street.

estates at Tamworth in 1734, but died without issue, Feb. 1759* (Burke's *Commoners*, II., 475).

II. Anne Levett, mar. 9 June 1763, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, her kinsman, Rev. Richard Levett, but died without issue 2 Oct. 1765, aged 41, at Kingswinford, co. Staff.; bur. Whittington. Admon. granted 16 Dec. 1765, in P.C.C. Her husband, Richard Levett, son of the Rev. Richard Levett, Rector of Blithfield, co. Staff., matric. 26 May 1749, aged 18, from Christ Church, Oxf.; B.A. 1753; M.A. 1756; vicar of West Wycombe, Bucks., 1765, until his death in Jan. 1805 (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*). He mar. 2nd, Lucy, dau. and heir of Edward Byrd, of Field and Brocton, co. Staff.; from this mar. descend the Levetts of Milford Hall (see Burke's *Landed Gentry*).

III. Elizabeth Levett, bap. 20 Feb. 1733/4 at St. Michael's, Lichfield; died unmar. 26 May 1754; bur. Whittington.

THOMAS LEVETT, of Packington Hall, co. Staff., 3rd son of Theophilus Levett preceding; bap. 27 Nov. 1729 at St. Michael's, Lichfield; under his father's will to be bred to the law; died 5 Jan. 1820, aged 91; bur. Whittington. He mar. 12 Aug. 1762, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, Catherine (bap. 21 June 1739), dau. and eventual co-heir of Charles Floyer, of Hints, co. Staff., by Susannah, dau. and co-heir of Waldyve Willington, of Hurley, co. War. She died 25 Mch. 1810, and was bur. Whittington, having had issue,

I. Theophilus Levett, of Wychnor Park, co. Staff. (which came to him under his uncle John Levett's will); matric. 1 Apl. 1784, aged 18, from Christ Church, Oxf.; High Sheriff of Staff., 1810; Recorder of Lichfield; died 3 Dec. 1839; bur. Wychnor. He mar. 1794, Frances, dau. of Thomas Princep, of Croxall Hall, co. Derby; she died 1835, and was bur. Wychnor, leaving issue, for whom see Burke's *Landed Gentry*, under "Levett of Wychnor."

II. Rev. Thomas Levett, of Packington Hall, co. Staff.; matric. 23 Oct. 1788, aged 18, from Christ Church, Oxf.; B.A. 1792; Minister of Wychnor, and Vicar of Whittington 40 years; died without issue, 9 Oct. 1843, at Leamington, aged 73; bur. Whittington. He mar. 21 Sep. 1802, at Gresley, to Wilmot Maria (born 7 Apl. 1778; bap. 20 May 1778 at Walton), eldest dau. of Sir Nigel Bowyer Gresley, 7th bart.; she died 17 Dec. 1845 at Packington; bur. Whittington (*Wm. Salt Archl. Soc.*, "Staffs. Collections," N.S., I., 120).

I. Ann Levett, born 1763, died 1841 unmar.; bur. Whittington.

II. Catherine Levett, mar. 24 Feb. 1794, at Hints, to her first cousin, William Humberstone Cawley-Floyer (born 17 July 1766), of Hints Hall, co. Staff., son of John Humberstone Cawley, of Gwersylt Park, co. Denbigh, by Mary his wife, dau. of Charles Floyer, beforementioned, of Hints, and had issue, for whom see Burke's *Landed Gentry*, 4th ed.

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* "Edward Repington, Esq.," was senior bailiff of Lichfield in 1753 (Harwood's *Lichfield*, 434).

In *Anna Seward's Poetical Works*, ed. Walter Scott, vol. I., pp. cxlv–clii, is a letter dated Sep. 1764, in which the poetess gives a long account of a brilliant and fascinating Miss ——, "the soul of every thing that was gay and agreeable at Lichfield," who had recently left the town on marrying her cousin, Mr. L——. It is quite clear that the lady described in so much detail, and with such appreciation of her spirit and caustic wit, was Anne, the younger daughter of Theophilus Levett, who had the year before married her kinsman, the Rev. Richard Levett. According to Miss Seward, whom we can believe or not as we please, Anne Levett in her early youth had been affianced to David Garrick; and other of her love affairs are chronicled.

APPENDIX M

THE LOWES OF LICHFIELD

(See *ante*, III., 125–6)

At the above reference, and in Part I., pp. 35–7, I have printed some particulars of the Lowe family, and of its principal member, the Rev. Theophilus Lowe [1708–69], Johnson's only rival in scholarship at Lichfield school. I can now deal with the Lowes more fully and show some other interesting connexions, though I am conscious that genealogically this appendix is not so strong as others. Research in several obvious directions, which time has prevented me from making, would complete the work I have begun.

The following entries from the Lichfield registers relate to the Lowes in question and their Buckeridge descendants :—

ST. CHAD'S.

1674. June 25. bap. Margaret, dau. of Christopher Lowe.
1701/2. Mch. 9. bur. Ann, wife of Christopher Lowe in Beacon Street.
1705. Dec. 9. bur. Christopher Low.
1706. Nov. 16. bur. Henry, son of Christopher Low.
1707/8. Feb. 1. bap. Theophilus, son of Christopher Low.
1708. May 23. bur. Christopher Low, son of George.

1712. Nov. 8. bur. Eliz., dau. of George Lowe.
1716. Dec. 16. bap. Bridgett, dau. of George Lowe.
1717. June 15. bur. Bridgett, dau. of George Lowe.
1718/19. Jan. 1. bap. Christiana, dau. of George Loe.
1720. Oct. 9. bur. Christopher Low.
1721. June 26. bap. Shewsanna, dau. of George Low.
1724. Sep. 13. bur. George Lowe, at ye Minster.
1724/5. Mch. 17. bap. Dorothy, dau. of George Low.
1725. Apl. 15. bur. Dorothy, dau. of George Low.
1775. Aug. 27. bur. Miss Buckeridge.
1786. Mch. 18. bur. Mr. Thomas Buckeridge.
1789. Mch. 17. bur. Frederick, son of Rev. Theophilus Buckeridge.
1797. Mch. 24. bur. Charles, son of Rev. Richard Buckeridge.
1806. Apl. 12. bur. George Hand, Esq., Beacon Place, aged 66.

ST. MICHAEL'S.

1731. Aug. 10. bur. Margaret, dau. of Mr. Geo. Lowe.

ST. MARY'S.

1700/1. Mch. 16. bap. Christopher, son of Christopher Loe.
1705. July 5. bap. Elizabeth, dau. of Christopher Loe.
1705. Nov. 14. bap. Ann, dau. of Mr. George Loe.
1708. July 14. bap. Margaret, dau. of Mr. George Loe.
1710. May 21. bap. Christopher, son of Mr. George Loe.
1711. May 16. bap. Mary, dau. of Mr. George Lowe.
1712. Aug. 19. bap. Elizabeth, dau. of Mr. George Low.
1714. June 8. bap. Jane, dau. of Mr. George Lowe.
1715. Aug. 30. bap. George, son of Mr. George Lowe.
1755. May 16. bap. Charles, son of Rev. Mr. Buckridge.
1757. Feb. 2. bap. Mary, dau. of Rev. Theophilus Buckeridge.
1759. Aug. 16. bap. Elizabeth, dau. of Rev. Theophilus Buckeridge.
1760. Dec. 20. bap. George, son of Rev. Theophilus Buckeridge.
1763. Mch. 30. bap. Thomas, son of Rev. Theophilus Buckeridge.
1765. May 2. bap. Richard, son of Rev. Mr. T. Buckeridge.
1768. Sep. 23. bap. Frederick, son of Rev. Theophilus Buckeridge.
1792. Jan. 5. mar. Richard Buckeridge, clerk, St. Michael's, Lich., and Mary Wright, this par., *lic.*

It will be noticed that the Hands, through whom the Buckeridges descend from the Lowes, are scarcely represented in these extracts : perhaps they occur in the Cathedral register. On the floor of the North aisle of St. Chad's is a stone inscribed :—

George Hand, Esq. | Died 5th April 1806 | Aged 65 | Ann Hand Widow | Died 24th February 1826 | Aged 80.

And on the wall there is a tablet with this inscription :—

In memory | of | Ann Hand | of Beacon Place | Widow of | George Hand, Esqre | He died 5th April, 1806, | Aged 65 years. | She died 24th February, 1826, | Aged 80 years.

At I., 35–6, I have given an abstract of Christopher Lowe's will, 1704, and his son Christopher's admon., 1721. Following are a few more abstracts that help towards construction of the pedigree :—

JOHN RICHARDS, of city and county of Lichfield, " carppinder." Will dated 9 Nov. 1686. Week in body, but of sound mind, etc. To be bur. at discretion of extrix. To son Charles Richards 1^s/-, and rest of worldly estate to dear and loving wife, Isabella Richards, whom I make sole extrix. Wits., Gregory King, Christopher Lowe. Proved 20 Apl. 1687 at Lichfield, by Isabell Richards, relict and sole extrix. Inventory dated 6 Dec. 1686 ; appraisers, Gregory King and Edmund Alport ; total, £7-2-4.

ISABELL RICHARDS, of city of Lichfield, widow. Will dated 26 Jan. 1705/6. Aged and infirm, etc. To be bur. in Stow *alias* St. Chad's churchyard, as near to grave of first husband as conveniently may be. Small portion of worldly goods which God has been pleased to bless me with I dispose of as follows. To son Michael Richards, feather bed whereon I usually lie, two pillows, two bolsters, with coverlet or rug thereto belonging, one pair of wearing sheets, almost new, in which I usually lie ; and if he pay to my dau. Isabell Lappage 40^s/-, being money which she has undertaken to pay to my son Lowe's exors., then to said Michael Richards my house and all therewith, and garden belonging, for term of lease thereof. To dau., Isabell Lappage, house wherein I now dwell, and garden, for rest of lease, and all wearing apparel, linens and woollens, two pair of sheets, napkins, and pillowbeare, chest, coffers, trunk, pewter dishes, etc. Isabell and Michael to be at equal charge for funeral, and they to be joint exors. Wits., Christopher Lowe, E. Lowe, Proved 9 Aug. 1708, at Lichfield, by both exors.

GEORGE HAND, of Close of Lichfield, gent. Will dated 12 Apl. 1745. To dau. Theophilia Buckeridge, £250, being remainder of her portion. To her dau. Rebecca Buckeridge, £100 at 21. To dau. Ann Durant, £50, being remainder of her portion, having already paid her husband £400. To son, Charles Hand, £50 over what I have already given him. To grand-dau. Elizabeth Hand, dau. of son Henry Hand, £100 at 21. To son John's widow, a mourning ring val. 21^s/- To seven children, if living at my decease, £10 each for mourning. Lease of land in Sandford and Poundsnett, to dau. Buckeridge, for her to receive rents thereof for life, and then to her son Theophilus Buckeridge. To grandson Watson Hand, house wherein I now dwell, the house where Mr. Sudell lives, house where Mrs. Baker lives, and house where Mrs. Hunter now lives. To son George Hand, house wherein he now lives, for his life, and then to grandson George Hand. If

said Watson Hand die without issue, then his property to said grandson, George Hand. Lease of house in Bacon Street to grandson George Buckeridge, and house in Greenhill. To said Watson Hand, Theophilus Buckeridge, Rebecca Buckeridge, Fanny Hand and Elizabeth Hand, £5 each for mourning. To said George Buckeridge, John Buckeridge, Francis Buckeridge. and William Buckeridge, £20 each at 21. To the four children of dau. Ann Durant, £5 each at 21. To poor in Hospital in Bacon Street, £5. To dau. Buckeridge, old silver tankard and wife's mourning ring, and bed in wainscot chamber. Cabinet in same room to her son Theophilus. To granddau. Rebecca Buckeridge, bed and furniture in little blue room. To dau. Parret's son and dau., James and Elizabeth, and to grandchild Margaret Southern, £5 each. To dau. Honour, £500. Watch to grandson Watson Hand, and diamond ring to his mother-in-law, son George's wife, desiring her to keep it in family. To said Watson Hand, £100. To Theophilus Buckeridge, £100 towards his maintenance at Oxford, and £100 to son Harry over what I have given him towards payment of his debts. To Peggy Durant, little silver tankard. To grandson George Parrott, £5. To grandson George Hand, £100. To dau. Honour, bed in best chamber, and all furniture, etc. Legacy to Betty Hand, whose father is not to have it, to be improved for her by my exors. To said Betty, chest of drawers and two good silver spoons. All rest of household goods to four daus. now living, viz. Theophilia, Ann, Margaret and Honour. To Fanny Hand, a piece of broad gold, and another to little Mary Hand. Silver salts to Beck Buckeridge. Rest of personal estate, bonds, etc., to dau. Theophilia Buckeridge, to be improved for good of her children. Exors., son George, and Mr. W. Buckeridge. £20 more to grand-dau. Betsy Hand. Wits., Wm. Adie, Humf. Merry, Mary × Comerledge, servant to Wm. Adie. Proved 16 Mch. 1747, at Lichfield, by Wild Buckeridge, power reserved to George Hand, the other exor.

GEORGE HAND, of Beacon Place, Lichfield, esq. Will dated 13 Mch. 1806. Leasehold and freehold estate in pars. of St. Chad, St. Mary and St. Michael, and elsewhere in Lichfield, and in Cathedral Close there, and in Yardley, Evesham and Bickenhill, cos. Worc. and War., and at Llangadock, co. Carmarthen, all household goods, plate, etc., library, offices, carriages and horses, to Rev. Hugh Bailye, clerk, M.A., Vicar of Hanbury, co. Staff., and Prebendary of Lichfield, and Henry Chinn, of Lichfield Close, gent., to sell same, if necessary, to pay wife Ann £400 a year for life, and to permit her to reside in my mansion house called Beacon Place, and she may have power to bequeath furniture to whom she likes except to her nephew, Col. George Mence, of the E.I.C., or any named Mence, descendants of Rev. Ben. Mence, of Kentish Town, co. M'sex., decd. I confirm to her an assignment made in Aug. 1801 of certain estates in Worcester city. Extrix., said wife. Wits., Richd. Luckman, Thos. Blakemore, Sinckler Porter. Proved 11 Dec. 1806, in P.C.C. (Pitt 930), by Ann Hand, relict and extrix.

With these evidences to help us we can now draw up a pedigree

which, while imperfect, yet explains various relationships on which comment will afterwards be made :—

——— **LOWE**, of Lichfield, bur. at St. Chad's, mar. Isabel, dau. of ——— She married for her second husband, John Richards, of Lichfield, carpenter, whose will, dated 9 Nov. 1686, was proved 20 Apl. 1687 at Lichfield. Isabel his widow was living 1695, aged " 70 " (must have been older), in Beacon Street; in her will, dated 26 Jan. 1705/6, and proved 9 Aug. 1708 at Lichfield, she asked to be bur. in St. Chad's churchyard near her first husband, by whom she had issue a son,

CHRISTOPHER LOWE, of Beacon Street, Lichfield, innholder; aged 56 in 1695; bur. 9. Dec. 1705 at St. Chad's. Will dated 20 Mch. 1703/4, proved 26 Dec. 1705 at Lichfield. Mar. Ann ——, aged 57 in 1695; she died in Beacon Street, and was bur. 9 Mch. 1701/2 St. Chad's, having had issue,

I. Christopher Lowe, of Lichfield, plumber; aged 19 in 1695, when living apprentice with William Hollis, in Market Street; bur. 9 Oct. 1720 at St. Chad's. Admon. granted 3 July 1721, at Lichfield, to Elizabeth his widow, then living in the Close, by whom he had issue,

a. Christopher Lowe, bap. 16 Mch. 1700/1 at St. Mary's; living 20 Mch. 1703/4.

b. Elizabeth Lowe, bap. 5 Aug. 1705 at St. Mary's.

c. Henry Lowe, bur. 16 Nov. 1706 at St. Chad's.

d. Rev. Theophilus Lowe; M.A. 1732 and Fellow 1733, St. John's Coll., Camb.; Rector of Stiffkey and Morston, co. Norfolk, 1736; Canon of Windsor, 1749; Perp. Cur. of St. Bennet Fincke, London, 1764; bap. 1 Feb. 1707/8 at St. Chad's, Lichfield; died without issue, 30 May 1769, in house of Charles Townshend [1728–1810], afterwards 1st Lord Bayning, at the Admiralty. Will dated 4 Aug. 1768, proved 23 June 1769 in P.C.C. Mar. Elizabeth ——, living his widow 23 June 1769.

II. George Lowe, of Lichfield; aged 15 in 1695; Sheriff of Lichfield 1713; mar. and had issue,

a. Ann Lowe, bap. 14 Nov. 1705 at St. Mary's.

b. Christopher Lowe; bur. 23 May 1708 at St. Chad's.

c. Margaret Lowe; bap. 14 July 1708 at St. Mary's; bur. 10 Aug. 1731 at St. Michael's.

d. Christopher Lowe, bap. 21 May 1710 at St. Mary's.

e. Mary Lowe, bap. 16 May 1711 at St. Mary's.

f. Elizabeth Lowe, bap. 19 Aug. 1712 at St. Mary's; bur. 8 Nov. 1712 at St. Chad's.

g. Jane Lowe, bap. 8 June 1714 at St. Mary's.

h. George Lowe, bap. 30 Aug. 1715 at St. Mary's ; ? bur. 13 Sep. 1724 at Lichfield Cath.

i. Bridget Lowe, bap. 16 Dec. 1716 and bur. 15 June 1717, at St. Chad's.

j. Christiana Lowe, bap. 1 Jan. 1718/19 at St. Chad's.

k. Susanna Lowe, bap. 26 June 1721 at St. Chad's.

l. Dorothy Lowe, bap. 17 Mch. 1724/5 and bur. 15 Apl. 1725, at St. Chad's.

I. Margaret Lowe ; bap. 25 June 1674 at St. Chad's ; mar. George Hand, of Lichfield Close, notary public. By him, whose will, dated 12 Apl. 1745, was proved 16 Mch. 1747 at Lichfield, she had issue,

a. George Hand, of Lichfield, living 7 Sep. 1778 (when George Hand, *jun.*, witnessed mar. of Thomas Hinckley and Catherine Grundy at St. Mary's). He mar. 1st, ——— and had issue,

(a) Rev. Watson Hand, matric. 17 Mch. 1739/40, aged 17, from Trinity Coll., Oxf. ; B.A. 13 Mch. 1743/4 (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*) ; mar. Elizabeth, illegitimate dau. of John Vaughan [1695 ?–1741], 2nd Viscount Lisburne, who, after Rev. Watson Hand's death, re-mar. 5 Sep. 1761, in Norfolk, Thomas Newton [1704–82], Bishop of Bristol. She died his widow 16 Feb. 1794 ("Musgrave's Obituary," *Harleian Society*). By her first husband she had issue,

Rev. George Watson Hand, born at Ridware, co. Staff. ; matric. 6 Mch. 1767, aged 17, at Christ Ch., Oxf. ; B.A. 1771 ; M.A. 1774 ; afterwards Archdeacon of Dorset (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*). Mar. Anne Martha, "niece of Mr. Dickenson the brewer" ; she died 5 July 1784, aged 28 ("Musgrave's Obituary," *Harl. Soc.*).

George Hand mar. 2nd, Frances, dau. of Richard Pyott, of Streethay, nr. Lichfield (Shaw's *Staffs.*, I., 364), and had further issue,

(b) George Hand, a proctor of the Ecclesiastical Court at Lichfield ; of Beacon Place, Beacon Street, Lichfield, which he built (*ibid.*, I., 347) ; died 5 Apl. 1806, aged 65, at Beacon Place, without issue ; bur. St. Chad's. Will dated 13 Mch. 1806, proved 11 Dec. 1806 in P.C.C. Mar. Ann, dau. of Rev. Benjamin Mence (1724 ?–96) Rector of All Hallows, London Wall, Vicar of St. Pancras, M'sex, and Chaplain to Duke of St. Alban's, a native of Worcester, concerning whom see Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses* and George Hennessy's *Novum Repertorium Ecclesiasticum Parochiale Londinense* ; she died 24 Feb. 1826, aged 80, and was bur. at St. Chad's, Lichfield.

(c) Frances Hand, mar. William Bailye, of Lichfield, apothecary ; living his widow 25 Mch. 1799, having had issue, for whom see *ante*, p. 180.

b. Charles Hand, living 12 Apl. 1745.

c. Henry Hand, living 12 Apl. 1745, with unmar. dau. Elizabeth.

d. John Hand ; his widow living 12 Apl. 1745.

1. THEOPHILA HAND, of whom presently, mar. Wild Buckeridge.
2. Ann Hand, mar. Rev. Josiah Durant, son of Rev. Robert Durant, Rector of Hagley, co. Worc., 1706–32. Josiah Durant matric. 18 Mch. 1711/12, aged 16, from Magdalen Coll., Oxf.; chorister 1710–14; Vicar of Halesowen 1731; Rector of Hagley from 1732 to death on 30 Mch. 1764. By Ann his wife, who was bur. 1774 at Hagley, he had issue*,
   (1) Rev. John Durant; matric. 12 Mch. 1746/7, from St. Mary Hall, Oxford, aged 16; B.C.L. St. Edmund Hall, 1753; succeeded father as Rector of Hagley, 1764; bur. there 1803, leaving issue.
   (2) George Durant; bap. 1732 at Hagley; matric. 23 Feb. 1749/50, aged 17, from St. Edmund Hall, Oxf.; purchased Tong Castle, Salop, 1765; M.P. for Evesham, 1768–74; mar. and left issue.
   (1) Mary Durant, mar. H. Hollier.
   (2) Margaret Durant; bap. 1727 at Hagley; mar. about 1753 her first cousin, Rev. Theophilus Buckeridge [1724–1803], son of Wild Buckeridge and Theophila Hand, and had issue, of whom presently.
3. Margaret Hand, living 12 Apl. 1745. One of George Hand's daus. mar. —— Parrot, and had issue, James, Elizabeth and George, 12 Apl. 1745.
4. Honour Hand, living 12 Apl. 1745.

THEOPHILA HAND, eldest dau. of George Hand above, by Margaret his wife, dau. of Christopher Lowe; mar. Wild Buckeridge, of Lichfield, bap. 21 Aug. 1695 at St. Mary's, Lichfield, son of Ralph Buckeridge of Conduit Street† and Sarah his wife. Wild Buckeridge (living 16 Mch. 1747) and Theophila his wife (living 12 Apl. 1745) had issue,

I. Rev. Theophilus Buckeridge, born 22 July 1724; bap. 1 Aug. 1724 at Lichfield Cath.; ed. Lichfield Grammar School, under Rev. John Hunter; matric. 5 Feb. 1744/5 from St. Mary Hall, Oxf., and took his M.A.; Perp. Cur. of Edingale, nr. Lichfield, 1748–91; Rector of

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* My particulars of the Durants are principally derived from Nichols's *Literary Illustrations*, VI., 312; Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*; and H. S. Grazebrook's *Heraldry of Worcestershire*, I., 181-2. The Rev. W. Durant Thatcher, of Clent Hall, Stourbridge, has added a few particulars, and Mr. W. Wickham King sent some dates from the Hagley registers. According to Nichols, Rev. Theophilus Buckeridge "married Margaret, daughter of the Rev. Josiah Durant, Rector of Hagley in Worcestershire, the husband of his father's sister"—it should be "his *mother's* sister." Nichols also says that Rev. Josiah Durant was largely responsible for Lord Lyttelton's *Conversion of St. Paul*, 1747, which Johnson praised so highly in his life of that nobleman.

† In 1695 census. On 21 June 1703 he was of the Close of Lichfield, gent. (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 218).

Gresham and Barningham, co. Norf., 1760; Master of St. John's Hospital, Lichfield, 1769; Perp. Curate of Tong, co. Salop, 1779; Rector of Mautby, co. Norf., 1771; Surrogate of diocese of Lichfield, 1784. Theophilus Buckeridge, who was a keen antiquary, and an early and constant correspondent of *Gent.'s Mag.*, died 23 Dec. 1803, at Lichfield, and was bur. at Edingale. By his wife Margaret (his first cousin), who died 4 Feb. 1793 after 40 years of marriage, dau. of Rev. Josiah Durant, Rector of Hagley, and Ann Hand his wife, he had thirteen children (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*, Rupert Simms's *Bibliotheca Staffordiensis*, and Nichols's *Literary Illustrations*, VI., 311–15), of whom I have record of the following: *

a. Rev. Charles Buckeridge, M.A., St. John's Coll., Oxf., D.D.; Archdeacon of Coventry, etc., etc.; bap. 16 May 1755 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; died 28 Sep. 1827. Mar. 1st, Miss Catherine Cecily Hussey, who died 7 Jan. 1787, aged 25 (mon. by Westmacott in Lichfield Cath.); and 2nd, Miss Elizabeth Slaney, who survived him and her two children.

b. George Buckeridge, bap. 20 Dec. 1760 at St. Mary's; died June 1779.

c. Thomas Buckeridge; bap. 30 Mch. 1763 at St. Mary's; died Mch. 1786; bur. 18 Mch. 1786 at St. Chad's, Lichfield.

d. Rev. Richard Buckeridge, B.C.L. St. John's Coll., Oxf.; Rector of Beighton, co. Norf., Dean's Vicar in Lichfield Cath., etc., etc.; bap. 2 May 1765 at St. Mary's, Lichfield; died June 1824, aged 59, at Stone, co. Staff., where he was Perp. Cur. from 1802. Mar. 5 Jan. 1792, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, to Mary, eldest dau. of William Wright, of Lichfield, by Mary, dau. of Richard Greene [1716–93], of Lichfield Museum fame, and left issue by her.

e. Frederick Buckeridge; bap. 23 Sep. 1768 at St. Mary's; matric. 7 May 1788, aged 19, at St. John's Coll., Oxf. (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*); died 13 Mch. 1789 at Lichfield; bur. 17 Mch. at St. Chad's; affectionate tribute by his father in *Gent.'s Mag.*, p. 280.

f. Lewis Buckeridge, of Lichfield; died 23 Nov. 1821.

g. Mary Buckeridge, bap. 2 Feb. 1757 at St. Mary's; died Aug. 1775, unmar.; bur. 27 Aug. 1775 at St. Chad's.

h. Elizabeth Buckeridge, bap. 16 Aug. 1759 at St. Mary's.

II. George Buckeridge, living 12 Apl. 1745.

I. Rebecca Buckeridge, living unmar. and a minor 12 Apl. 1745.

In my account of Theophilus Lowe (*ante*, I., 36), I noted that "on 5 Sept. 1761, he married his friend Thomas Newton, Bishop of

* Principally from references just quoted. Of the thirteen children, only three sons, Charles, Richard and Lewis, survived. *Gent.'s Mag.*, 1793, p. 187, says eleven died before their mother, which cannot be correct.

Bristol, to a second wife, Elizabeth, daughter of John, Viscount Lisburne, and widow of the Rev. Mr. Hand, the marriage taking place in Norfolk." The pedigree throws light on this event, for it shows that the bride's first husband, the Rev. Watson Hand, was a son of Theophilus Lowe's first cousin, George Hand; and that all the parties were connected with Lichfield. When I wrote the preceding extract I thought that the lady was a legitimate daughter of Lord Lisburne, who, however, left no children by either of his wives. Nichols tells us (*Literary Anecdotes*, III., 341) that the Rev. William Budworth, the celebrated head master of Brewood Grammar School, to whom Johnson applied for an undermastership in 1736, was left a widower, and "engaged an agreeable well-informed widow lady [Mrs. Vaughan] to live with him" as housekeeper. This lady "had a pretty daughter, marriageable and rather gay," whose presence in the school caused many of the boarders to be withdrawn, and the school to languish. At another reference (*Literary Illustrations*, VIII., 457) Nichols has a note that this "Miss Vaughan married the Rev. George Watson Hand, and after his death became the wife of Dr. Newton, Bishop of Bristol"; but, of course, she married Watson Hand, and George Watson Hand was her son. Harwood knew Miss Vaughan's origin, and says that Bishop Newton was married, secondly, "in September, 1761, to the widow of the Rev. —— Hand, an illegitimate daughter of John, Viscount Lisburne" (*Lichfield*, p. 448). It is not surprising that parents should remove their children from a school when the head master introduced as housekeeper the ex-mistress of a peer, with a pretty daughter as lively evidence of her indiscretion.

In a schoolboy letter of David Garrick's, in 1733, is mentioned a "Mr. Christopher Lowe" as having brought news of Peter Garrick, the eldest of the family (Fitzgerald's *Garrick*, new ed., 1899, p. 15). This would be the elder brother of the Rev. Theophilus Lowe, then a man of 32.

On the benefaction board at St. Chad's, Lichfield, is recorded Christopher Lowe's bequest of 1704 (see *ante*, I., 35):—

Christophor Lowe Senior Late of this City Left by will ye Sum of Five Pound: Five Shillings ye Use thereof to be Given to ye poor of Bacon Street for ever payable on Christmas day.

George Hand, notary public, witnessed the will of Nathaniel Green, of Lichfield, brazier, dated 23 Apl. 1715, proved 13 June 1715 at Lichfield. And Johnson's godfather Richard Wakefield left £10 to his friend Mr. George Hand in 1733 (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 227).

General Dyott has an amusing reference to the physical proportions of the Buckeridges, under date 9 Oct. 1801, when he was lying off the mouth of the Nile.

Very unwell with pain in my bowels ; I was become as thin as the sparest of all the thin Buckeridges (*Dyott's Diary*, I., 184).

APPENDIX N
OATH OF ABJURATION
TAKEN BY MICHAEL JOHNSON, 1726

(See *ante*, III., 65, 67, 165)

At the above references it can be read how Michael Johnson's intense royalism was not so intractable that he could not "reconcile himself, by casuistical arguments of expediency and necessity, to take the oaths imposed by the prevailing power." A striking example of his humiliation in this fashion is provided by a document presented by Mr. W. H. Russell, of Cheltenham, son of a former town-clerk of Lichfield, to the Birthplace, where it is on exhibition.

The Register and Record of persons attending the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to take the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy, and Abjuration, pursuant to the Statute 1 George I ; Stat. 2 ; Cap. 13, intituled "An Act for the further security of his Majesty's person and Government and the succession of the Crown in the heirs of the late Princess Sophia, being Protestants, and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales and his open and secret abettors."

[*The clause that follows is in Latin, and the translation is Mr. Russell's own.*]

At the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of our Lord the King held at the City of Lichfield in the Guildhall of the same City on the seventh day of

October in the thirteenth year of the Reign of our Lord George now King of Great Britain, etc., Before Thomas Moore and Luke Robinson, Gentlemen, Bailiffs of the said City, and Michael Johnson and Jonathan Kilbey, Gentlemen, Justices of our said Lord the King assigned to keep his Peace in the said County of the City aforesaid, etc., Register and Record of the names of those who personally appeared before the Justices of our said Lord the King assigned to keep his Peace within the City and County of the City of Lichfield, etc., and took the Oaths appertaining to the Statute passed in Parliament in the first year of the Reign of our Lord George now King of Great Britain, etc., intituled "An Act for the further security of his Majestie's person and Government and the Succession of the Crowne in the heirs of the late Princess Sophia being protestants and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales and his open and secret abettors," the tenor of which Oaths indeed follows in these words :—*

I A.B. doe sincerely promise and Sweare that I will be faithfull and beare true Allegiance to his Majestie King George

Soe help me God.

I A.B. do Sweare that I do from my heart abhor detest and abjure as impious & hereticall that damnable doctrine and possition That princes excomunicated or deprived by the pope or any Authority of the See of Rome, may be deposed or Murthered by their Subjects or any other whatsoever, and I doe declare that no Forreigne prince prelate State or potentate hath or ought to have any Jurisdiccion power Superiority preheminence or Authority Ecclesiasticall or Spirituall within this realme.

Soe help me God.

I A.B. doe truely and sincerely acknowledge professe testifye and declare in my conscience before God and the World That our Sovereigne Lord King George is lawfull and rightfull King of this realm and all other his Majesties Dominions and Countrys thereunto belonging and I doe solemnly and sincerely declare That I doe believe in my Conscience that the person pretended to be the Prince of Wales dureing the life of the late King James and since his decease pretending to be and takeing upon himself the Stile and title of King of England by the name of James the third or of Scotland by the name of James the eighth or the Stile or Title of King of Great Britaine hath not any right or title whatsoever to the Crowne of this realm or any other the dominions thereto belonging And I doe renounce refuse and abjure any allegiance or obediance to him and I do Swear that I will bear faith and true allegiance to his Majestie King George and him will defend to the utmost of my power against all Traiterous Conspiracies and attempts whatsoever which shall be made against his person crown or dignity and I will doe my utmost endeavour to disclose and make knowne to his Majestie and his Successors all treasons and traiterous conspiracys which I shall know to be against him them or any of them And I do faithfully promise to the uttmost my power to support maintain and defend the succession of the Crowne against

* The remainder of the document is in English, and I give it from Mr. Russell's copy.

him the said James and all other persons whatsoever which succession by an Act Intituled an act for the further limatacion of the Crown and better secureing the rights and libertyes of the Subject is and stands limitted to the Princess Sophia Electorese and Dutchess Dowager of Hanover and the heirs of her Body being protestants And all these things I doe plainely and sincerely acknowledge and Sweare according to these express words by me spoken and according to the plaine and common sence and understanding of the same words without any Equivocacion mentall Evasion or secret reservacion whatsoever and I doe make this recognicion acknowledgment abjuracion renunciacion and promise heartily willingly and truely upon the true Faith of a Christian.

Soe help me God.

THO : MOORE
WILL : GAMBLE
LUKE ROBINSON
MICH : JOHNSON
JONA : KILBEY

ROB^T PORTER
THO : GELLIBRAND.

Presumably all the seven signatories took the three oaths, including Thomas Moore and Luke Robinson, the two Bailiffs, and Michael Johnson and Jonathan Kilbey, the two Justices, who together formed the Court, and who in turn would be sworn by their fellows. Mr. Russell says that the Act of Parliament referred to was passed in 1714 in consequence of the Jacobite plots against George I. on behalf of James Francis Edward Stuart, the "Old Pretender," and provided that two Justices might summon, by writing under hand and seal, any person whom they should suspect to be dangerous or disaffected to the Government, to appear before them, at a certain day and time therein to be appointed, to take the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy and Abjuration.

Poor Michael must have pulled many a wry face over these painfully explicit oaths, but like a sensible man he swallowed his medicine in preference to a more unpleasant alternative.

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11-13. granted lease of encroachment by Lichfield Corporation in 1767.
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20. birth-room.
20. remembers uncle Andrew's family in codicil to will.
20-32. exors. sell "Birthplace" in 1785.
36. life-long relations with cousin Tom Johnson.
37-8. his heir-at-law in 1785.
46-50. assistance implored by cousin Phœbe Ford, housekeeper to Edward Gibbon, in 1780.
51. cool relations with Gibbon.
51. pays to bury cousin, Mrs. Heely.
52-3. bibulous uncle Harrison not of distinguished family.
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86-7. possible meetings with connexion, Prebendary Chambers.
89. facial resemblance to cousin, Rev. Samuel Ford.
94-6. stepson, Capt. Jervis Henry Porter, describes naval engagement of 1759.
98. Lichfield accent.
105. Lichfield friend, Hetty Bayley.
113-14. life-long friendship with Howards of Lichfield.
122. early recollection of John Marten, the Lichfield apothecary.
123. early relations with Butts of Lichfield.
145–6. regrets death of Mrs. Joseph Adey in 1778.
146. his intimate, William Windham, friendly with John Adey of Aylsham.
147. befriended in early life by Stephen Simpson.
155–8, 164–5. friendship with Joseph Simpson, the dissipated barrister.
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171. knew four generations of Bailye family of Lichfield.
174. first lodgings in London with Mr. Norris.
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181–2. perhaps visited Coventry bookseller, Samuel Bailye.
182, 190. his early patron, Theophilus Levett.
190. played in Levett's Field.
192, 196. school rival, Rev. Theophilus Lowe.
198. Lord Lyttelton's *Conversion of St. Paul*, praised by him, perhaps written by Rev. Josiah Durant.
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